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Private society members stage mass demonstration

By Matthew Nolan '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Chanting the slogans "Res. Life sucks," and "No, no, we won't go!," campus fraternity and sorority members, as well as pledges demonstrated their displeasure with the outcome of the Residential Life Study today, by marching around campus in protest.

During the noon-time activity, the group of nearly 200 students marched through lunch in both McEwen and Commons Dining Halls. Finally, making their way to the Fitness Center where they confronted President Eugene Tobin, who was working out. The group dispersed after a final rally on the quad in front of Burke Library where they set up a shanty village and bar where beer and hot dogs were served.

Under the leadership of Inter Society Council President Neil Fischbein '95, and Bill Murphy '96, the group crossed campus moving through the McEwen Dining Hall first carrying signs reading, "Tobin is a trustee puppet," "80% of students want us here," and "Kevin Kennedy [Trustee Chairman]visits the hill three times a year... How can he tell us what to do?" Crossing the Beinecke bridge, several fraternity members were seen openly drinking beer and leaving their empty cans in their wake. Next, the group passed through Commons Dining Hall, where they continued to chant and actively voice their displeasure with the study results.

"We're doing this just to let [the administration] know how we feel," said Lloyd Polanish '96, a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Another member, Brian Green, shared the view, but added that he didn't think the administration would reconsider the outcome of the Residential Life Study.

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PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

WINTER'S LAST STAND? An early spring snowfall dusted the campus with several inches of the white stuff last weekend. Jason Wenstrup '97, bundled up for the cold as he made his way across campus Monday morning.

Rogers Estate zoning variance receives tentative approval

By Jacob Stetser '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Kirkland Town Board recently accepted a zone change for the Rogers Estate property, which will, if accepted by the town, convert half the upper half of the property into a multi-family residence area. This half of the property includes the residence itself, and coincides with the zoning for the College campus.

In late March, the Kirkland Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously denied Hamilton College's request for a Use Variance on the 61-acre Rogers Estate property. Neighbors had expressed concern over possible noise and lighting pollution. Attorney for one of the neighbors, E. Porter Felt, commented to *The Clinton Courier* that even quiet dorms were too noisy for him.

There were concerns about traffic problems to and from the Estate on Route 233; however, the College plans to close that access and build a road to the Estate from the campus itself. Residents also raised privacy issues concerning nearby presence of students.

John Karin, Kirkland Town Supervisor, told *The Spectator* that the town of Kirkland will hold a public hearing May 8 in order to discuss the re-zoning of the Rogers Estate. While

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Student Assembly faces declining morale

By Joe November '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A pattern of apathy and intimidation within the Student Assembly has paralyzed the body, according to many members. Instead of being a place where student representatives intelligently voice their opinions in a democratic fashion, the Assembly has become a haven of intimidation, lack of participation, and stagnation.

In a letter to the Student Assembly, President Andrew Edelson '97 addressed the serious internal problems the Assembly has recently developed. He wrote, "We have a lot of problems with Student Assembly: we don't accomplish anything anymore, we sit in meetings for hours and don't stick to the topic at hand, and people constantly make personal attacks at one another." In fact, the performance of the Student Assembly has been so poor that Edelson found it appropriate to compare the Assembly to a dead body. One Student Assembly member described a typical meeting as "Full of distractions and really boring...with people not paying attention, having side-discussions, or just falling asleep."

For those who do manage to stay alert during the Student Assembly meetings, the situation is no better. The atmosphere of the meetings is filled with political intimidation and rudeness. Representative Gregory Moscatel '97 described the attitude of the participants, "Some people use the Student Assembly to be really cynical to each other...but there are some constructive members as well."

Of the approximately 40 representatives, Edelson estimates that only about a half-dozen were active participants. He described the situation, "The minority controls the floor and that shouldn't happen." Sources reveal that the vocal minority which Edelson refers to consists mainly of upperclassmen who feel they need be aggressive in order to get what they want. In the process, however,

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Admission numbers improve as new emphasis placed on personalization

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A continuing reformation of Hamilton's admissions process appears to be providing its desired effect. The number of applications received this year increased sharply, while the percentage of applicants admitted into the Class of 1999 fell significantly. At 46 percent, this year's acceptance rate is the lowest since 1990 and a dramatic fall from the acceptance rate of 57 percent two years ago for the Class of 1997.

The number of applications received this year climbed to 3,645, up from 3,140 two years ago. SAT scores were also up this year over last and the number of students accepted under the early decision plan rose to 145 from 117 a year ago.

Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller, who came to Hamilton from Johns Hopkins University last July, attributes most of the improvement to a greater personalization of the admission process.

As part of this move, emphasis has been placed on increased communication and interaction with prospective students. Phone-a-thons, in which they are called by enrolled Hamilton students have been expanded, and faculty members have been encouraged to contact prospectives.

"I think we've done a better job communicating overall with our prospective student," said Fuller. He noted that all admitted students this year received letters from President Eugene Tobin as well from a group of first year students.

A total of 1,695 students have been admitted into the Class of 1999, though this number may increase if students are taken off the waiting list. If this happens, the 46 percent acceptance rate could climb by several points.

"It's like an athletic event in that we've been ahead all year, but we're only ahead," cautioned Fuller. "We haven't won the game yet."

Final statistics of this year's admissions should be available by the beginning of May, after the deposit deadline for enrolling students passes.

Emphasis on yield

The yield ratio, or the percent-

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Faculty discuss College goals at their meeting, focus on diversity

By Mary Dias '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many conflicting opinions were raised by the members of the faculty at a faculty meeting held on Tuesday April 11, 1995, when the College goals concerning cultural diversity and ethical issues were brought forth for discussion. The meeting came to order, as scheduled, at 4:15 p.m. After the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, a motion brought forth by the Committee on Academic Policy concerning the discussion of the college goals addressing issues of cultural diversity and ethics, was carried without opposition.

A lively half-hour discussion led by Professor Bonnie Urciuoli, a representative of the committee, followed. The purpose of the discussion, as professor Urciuoli explained, was to address the questions "What should students get from the college goals concerning cultural diversity and ethical issues and how should they fulfill them ?" There was general agreement on the importance and continuation of these goals. However, opinions on the implementation and fulfillment of the goals varied drastically. One of the issues which led to much disagreement concerned a list of the courses which were deemed appropriate for fulfilling the afore mentioned goals. While some members of the faculty maintained that the list was very useful when deciding on courses which fulfilled the college goals, others were skeptical of the justification of the courses that were listed and claimed that the lists cut off discussion between the advisor and the student. Jennifer Potter Hayes, from the Registrar's Office, commented that the list did not serve its purpose because members of the faculty continually challenged the validity of the courses on the list.

With regard to all English courses being listed as courses addressing ethical issues, one English professor claimed that she did not regard the course she taught as qualifying under that category because there were some "rebels" in her classes "who don't conform to the ethical standards of any society." The dissatisfaction among those gathered regarding this comment was evident and one faculty member retorted, saying that her course on Comparative Literature "deals only with rebels and is wholly ethical."

Many other valuable suggestions were made to improve the implementation of these goals. Such suggestions included improving the training of advisors, changing the kinds of lists, composing rules that define the eligibility of a course which satisfies these goals, designing a special course to suit the requirement, and requiring students to convince their advisors through discussion, that a certain course has made the student aware of cultural diversity and/or ethical issues. The last suggestion however, was considered impractical by one professor who claimed that the discontinuity of advisor-advisee relationships, especially in the case of first years and sophomores (whom he referred to as "random advisees off the street"), made it impossible to have an intellectual discussion.

Next, a motion from the Academic Council, with regard to the voting rights of two professors, was carried without opposition. This was followed by a presentation by the Campus Relations Committee. The presentation made by Professor Vincent Odamtten outlined the work carried out thus far by the committee and included proposals made by the committee with regard to the improvement of campus relations. This presentation was well received by many members of the faculty.

Professor Roberta Krueger, from the French Department, later said that she was impressed with the work carried out by the campus relations board and that these discussions should continue. She also commented that although she did not think that the study of foreign language should replace the requirement for cultural diversity, she would like to see the study of foreign languages included in the discussions.

Professor Chandra Talpade Mohanty from the Women's Studies department later said "I think it was a fruitless discussion of diversity for me because there seemed to be a certain inability among us to engage with each other intellectually about why discussing the cultural diversity and ethics requirements is really important. I was impressed by the work the Campus Relations Committee has done so far and I hope they will provide the leadership necessary to get the Hamilton community to a point where the faculty can engage in this discussion. As Hamilton College goes through a stage of transformation around residential life and curricular issues I feel the faculty needs to take the time to reflect on its own commitment to fundamental curricular change."

Myron Brown '96, who was present at the meeting said, "I felt that the Campus Relations Committee presentation did not sufficiently address the institutionalized systems of oppression that exist within the Hamilton community."

Efforts to solicit comment from several other faculty members who were unhappy with the proceedings proved to be unsuccessful.

The meeting concluded after some remarks by President Tobin and Acting Dean of Faculty, Robert Kolb.

Student Assembly suffers from weak attendance by some while others dominate

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an uninviting atmosphere is created and nothing gets done.

The participation rate of those who are elected to serve on the Student Assembly is appallingly low. Edelson cites several reasons for this, namely that some representatives do not really care about the student government and those who do are forced into silence by the more aggressive members of the assembly. Edelson described many of the apathetic representatives as "...being in it for their resumes."

Most of the assembly members interviewed attributed the low participation rate to the Student Assembly's lack of significant goals or exciting projects. While representatives said that they initially came to the Student Assembly with good intentions many found it frustrating that the school gives the student government such little notice. That frustration caused many of them to lose interest in the welfare of the Assembly. Some Assembly members who wished to remain anonymous even said that they got the impression that the whole student government is just a sham run by the school to make it look like students have a say in what goes on here.

Although many are upset, not everyone thinks that the current situation at the Student Assembly is necessarily bad. Even those who are unhappy with the situation admit that it resembles real government more because the government in the real world is not a friendly system. Along the same line, Kelly Overton, President of Class of 1996 said, "You can't just sit there and not speak up if you want to be heard or have something important to say." Another Assembly member said, "In Congress, the more aggressive congressmen don't stand by and wait for everyone to have his say." One of the senior Assembly members said, "In terms of loudness and timidity, it's always been this way here, although it may be a little worse now."

Despite such overwhelming problems, there is a glimmer of hope for the Student Assembly. Since the publication of Edelson's letter, the Assembly has discussed the HEOP issues as well the situation concerning the fallen tree at Carnegie. Lastly, almost all of the Assembly members interviewed thought that the Student Assembly was capable of healing itself.

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News Briefs

--compiled by Geoff Millar '98

GLBSA celebrates Sexuality Week

This past week has been the annual Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Alliance Celebrate Sexuality Week. The yearly event features speakers and films focusing on the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people in our society and on this campus.

This year's event included various activities ranging from a "Strut" through the dining halls and a safe sex workshop, to a lecture about African-American gay history.

Several events remain for this weekend. There is a film entitled "Go Fish" tonight at 7:30. It will be followed by a dance party at 10 p.m. in the Events Barn. Tomorrow (Sat.), three films will be shown. The first, "Boys Shorts", will begin at 1 p.m. It will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by "Black Is, Black Ain't", and "Go Fish" will be shown again at 10:30 p.m. All films are being shown in K-J Auditorium.

WUTR reports on proposed microbrewery

A story about the possible on-campus microbrewery ran on WUTR's six and eleven o'clock news this past Monday night. The teaser run for the story at the top of the six o'clock news was inaccurate and stated that Hamilton was definitely getting a microbrewery. According to Michael Debraggio, Director of College Relations, this was due to a miscommunication between the reporter and anchor for WUTR. He further stated that although the teaser was incorrect, the story itself was accurate. Four students were interviewed for the story, but according to Debraggio, it was unclear from the clips shown exactly what question the students were responding to.

Hamilton students attend NOW rally

A group of 36 Hamilton students piled onto a bus at 11 p.m. last Saturday, April 8, to attend the National Organization for Women's (NOW) "Rally for Women's Lives".

The students spent the night on the bus as they made their way to Washington D.C. for the rally on Sunday. The purpose of the rally was to bring women's issues to the attention of legislators in Washington. The specific focuses of this rally were: domestic violence, a woman's right to choose, and welfare.

The official attendance count was announced at 250,000 peole, but Rachel Clift'95, one of the organizers of the Hamilton group, speculated that there were probably more. She said that the police used a conservative method for counting that probably resulted in underestimating.

Key speakers at the rally included the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Patricia Ireland, the director of Planned Parenthood. Many relatives of the victims from the most recent abortion clinic attack also spoke. Entertainment included Toad the Wet Sprocket, and Hamilton Accoustic Coffeehouse performer Disappear Fear.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM FOX '96

HAMILTON STUDENTS IN THE EASTER SPIRIT.
Malph Murphy '96, Jay Gould '96, and Tim Fox '96 pose with the Easter Bunny in a photo-op at the Sangertown Mall, earlier this week.

News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Shawkat Ali '97

Duke considers new alcohol policy

Administrators at Duke University are counting on bartenders to provide a healthier social climate next year. In a report published last week, alcohol policy committee recommended that only University-approved bartenders be permitted to distribute alcohol in public spaces, including commons rooms, hallways, courtyards, sidewalks and two or more private rooms or apartments that are "co-hosting" a party. While beer can be distributed free of charge, hard liquor and fortified wines could only be distributed through a cash bar. In addition to distributing alcohol, bartenders would be responsible for checking student I.D.'s, and — as stipulated by North Carolina law — would be held liable for any alcohol-related incidents occurring at the parties where they serve.Student bartenders would likely not be allowed to work at parties sponsored by a living group of which they are a member. *(The Chronicle)*

Brown develops multipurpose ID card

When Brown students return to campus next fall, a brand new identification card will greet them upon arrival. Along with all of the current ID card's features, the new card will have many additional innovations.The new Brown ID card will serve as a dorm access card, and will also work in vending machines throughout campus as well as in laundry machines and photocopiers. A declining balance fund will be used to make purchases in any University Food Services establishment. In preparation for the coming of the new Brown ID, most campus copiers, washing machines, and vending machines will be made card-access friendly. One student summed up the advantages of the new cards, quipping, "Visa and the new Brown ID card: it's everywhere you want to be." *(The Brown Herald)*

Drexel seniors to repair a solar-powered bus used for meal deliveries

A solar powered bus acquired by Drexel University in 1993 and being used to deliver meals to homebound AIDS patients in the Philadephia area is going to become the object of a senior project.

Four Drexel seniors will be spending their senior year trying to fix multiple problems that have plagued the bus since it was donated to the University.

Once a week, Dr. Finley Shapiro, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb, associate provost for undergraduate affairs, use the solar bus to bring meals to about ten AIDS victims. According to Shapiro, head of the project, the four seniors will be trying to understand why the bus has been running so poorly. Shapiro said the bus was unusable when they got it. "We've done a lot of work on it to fix it up," he said. *(NSNS)*

Questionable animal research projects?

An estimated 20- to 70-million animals — cats, dogs, primates, rabbits, rats, mice, and others — die in United States every year in the name of research. Many experts now say that much of this research is unnecessary, duplicative and extremely costly. According to American Anti-Vivisection Society, the following are documented cases of actual research projects :

- Both middle-aged and old female rats prefer to mate with young male rats. (University of Virginia, 1986. Cost: $133,000.)
- Old cats do not sleep well in very hot or cold rooms. (Stanford School of Medicine, 1988. Cost: $150,000.)
- Labrador retriever puppies, whose ankles have been surgically destroyed, suffer weakness and loss of bone mass in the mutilated limb. (Case Western Reserve University, 1985. Cost: $365,000.)
- Adult cats with screws inserted into their skulls and the sound centers of their brains removed still produce brain waves in response to loud noises. (UCLA Medical School, 1986. Cost: $2,018,000.)
- Old rats are less likely to be startled by loud noises than young rats. The researchers noted that hearing loss due to old-age cannot be ruled out as a cause. (University of California-Berkeley, 1985. Cost: $701,000.) *(NSNS)*

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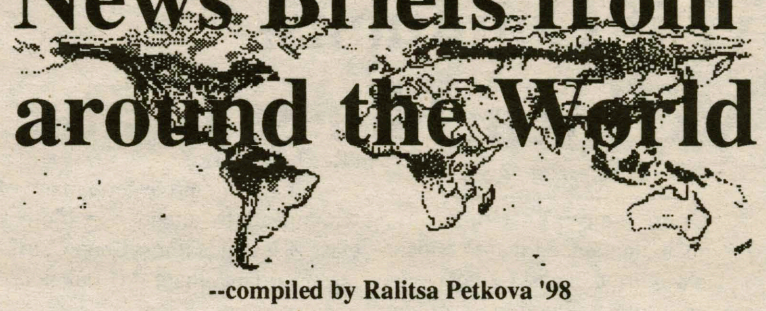

--compiled by Ralitsa Petkova '98

Bombings in Gaza

Last Saturday, Palestinian suicide attackers killed 6 Israelis and wounded at least 45 in two car bombings in the Gaza Strip. The first attack, in which 6 soldiers were killed and more than 30 other people wounded, was aimed at a bus near Kfar Darom, a settlement about 10 miles from Gaza City. The second blast hit an Israeli convoy on the road to the settlement of Netzarim, and caused several casualties. The Associated Press reported on Sunday that three Americans, including two New Jersey women, were among those wounded in the attack.

Two militant groups, Hamas and Islamic Holy War, took responsibility for the attacks. Israel and the P.L.O. have set July 1 as a deadline for an agreement on Palestinian elections and an accompanying Israeli withdrawal from West Bank towns that would take self-rule beyond Gaza and Jericho. After the incident, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that expansion of Palestinian self-rule throughout the West Bank was in serious danger.

Pakistan restates a demand

On the eve of a meeting with President Clinton last Wednesday, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan renewed her demand that Washington deliver jet fighters purchased by her country or refund the money.

Pakistan has paid for more than $1 billion in military equipment, including 28 F-16 fighters, but delivery has been barred by law since 1990, after the Bush Administration could not certify that Pakistan did not have a nuclear device.

Washington has said it cannot refund the money, which has already been paid out to contractors. The Clinton Administration is considering other possibilities, including sale of the planes to a third country, with the proceeds going to Pakistan, and a waiver of the $50,000 in annual maintenance costs that Pakistan is paying for the storage of each jet in Arizona. The Administration might also seek to offer new support for Pakistan's international peacekeeping efforts or new aid to combat terrorism.

Iraq hides biological warfare effort

The United Nations official monitoring Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, Rolf Ekeus, said in a report that Baghdad might have been concealing a biological warfare program since late 1980s. Mr. Ekeus came close to saying that the presence of large quantities of imported bacteria indicated the possibility that Iraq was making biological weapons.

The report will add pressure on the Iraqis to accept a proposal for selling oil under a new Security Council resolution. That resolution, sponsored by Argentina, Britain and the U.S., would allow the sale of $1 billion worth of oil every 90 days under certain restrictions, but only to pay for relief supplies and to contribute toward compensation for victims of the Iraqi invasion in Kuwait in August 1990.

Russians kill 47 Tajik rebels in border fight

Last Tuesday, Russian helicopter gunships launched two major rocket attacks against Tajik rebels on Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan, killing up to 47 people in a fifth day of clashes. The two attacks, both near the border town of Khorog in the mountainous area of Gorno-Badakhshan, were in retaliation for repeated assaults by the rebels on a remote border post.

The United Nations negotiator in the conflict, Ramiro Piriz-Ballon, said he had appealed to all sides to meet in Moscow to rescue peace talks between the Tajik Government and the rebels, who fled to Afghanistan after losing a 1992 civil war.

A cease-fire agreed to last year between the former Communist leaders of Tajikistan and the rebels was shattered this year when the opposition boycotted parliamentary elections, saying they were unfair.

A Russian dismissed from Croatia peacekeeping post

The United Nations dismissed a Russian general from the peacekeeping force in Croatia, accusing him of incompetence, poor leadership and connivance with Russia's traditional allies, the Serbs. United Nations officials said Maj. Gen. Aleksandr Perelyakin had allowed a thriving trade in U.N. gasoline with the Serbs and opened the way for a recent shipment of artillery guns and anti-tank vehicles to cross the Danube from Serbia into Serbian-held Croatia.

The decision to dismiss the general brought furious protests from Russian officials and a defiant statement from the Defense Ministry in Moscow, which said the general remained at his position.

Source: New York Times

National News Briefs

--compiled by Joseph Saponaro '96

Clinton, Bhutto discuss compensation

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan met with President Clinton Tuesday to discuss military equipment that Pakistan purchased from the U. S. but never received. The $1 billion transaction has been interrupted for five years by the Pressler Amendment, which disapproves of nuclear proliferation in Asia. Clinton and Bhutto agreed that Pakistan should either receive the equipment or a refund, citing Pakistan's excellent relationship with the U. S. Clinton will not, however, seek complete repeal of the Amendment.

Heart disease study

Dr. Alberto Ascherio and colleagues of the Harvard School of Public Health, after following the diets of 44,895 men for six years, have concluded, contrary to traditional wisdom, that a fish-heavy diet does not reduce the chances of heart disease. The findings may dispel long-held assumptions about the value of fatty acid in heart tissue as well as discourage the consumption of fish for health purposes. Some experts have since warned against completely neglecting fish as health food due to one study, pointing out that fish nevertheless remains beneficial for other reasons.

Trump sells Plaza Hotel

Two of the world's richest men, Prince al-Walid bin Talal Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia and Kwek Leng Beng of Singapore have jointly engaged in the purchase and management of investor Donald J. Trump's prized landmark, New York City's Plaza Hotel. Trump, whose empire has been crumbling for the past few years, sold the Hotel for $325 million, $75 million less than what he acquired it for in 1988. Trump will lose control of the Hotel but will remain on the books as a member of a management committee.

Source: New York Times

Correction:

In last week's article on Divestment Campaign on the Hill, it should have stated that Caravano was not on campus during the sit-in and that Dan O'Leary and Jane Jervis asked for the suspension of the students.

Weekend Weather

Saturday:
Partly sunny and breezy, highs in the mid 40s.
Sunday:
Fair. Highs near 50. Low 35.

Rogers Estate

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the ZBA was considering the Use Variance, a "tersely worded opposition," as the *Courier* states, was entered into the record, and some expect vocal opposition at the meeting.

Private societies commended the idea of the Rogers Estate in its "Alternate Proposal to the Report of the Committee on Residential Life," but criticized its effects on town-gown relations. The "Alternate Proposal" also claimed that the town of Kirkland and the village of Clinton opposed the Residential Life Decision.

The actual change in zoning involves converting half of the property from a single family residence R20-1 zone into a multi-family R10 zone. The R10 zone corresponds with the campus's current zoning.

President Tobin commented about the petition, saying, "We're pleased that the petition for a change of zoning will be considered by the Town Board. The College looks forward to making a persuasive case and to answering any questions that members of the community may have."

Marching protesters visit Commons, McEwen, Fitness Center

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Upon leaving Commons, Fischbein announced that President Tobin was in the Fitness Center working out, so the procession moved on to the athletic complex. Enroute several protest members were seen attempting to tear down a lamp post. At first standing outside the Fitness Center, the group chanted as Tobin continued his workout on the Stairmaster. But the crowd quickly moved inside and surrounded Tobin, who was dressed in shorts and a T-shirt for his work out. Dean of Admission Rit Fuller and Vice President for Communications and Development Richard Tantillo were also with him, working out.

The crowd continued to chant as Tobin stepped down from the Stairmaster and conferred briefly with Fischbein and then faced the crowd. For a moment, Tobin appeared as if he was about to speak, but several minutes passed, and the crowd continued to chant in unison, "Res Life sucks."

Finally the protesters, many of whom had to attend one o'clock classes, left the Fitness Center, striking up a new chant, "If our house goes, your house goes."

Some of the remaining protesters then went to the steps of the Burke Library where they began to erect a shanty-town and drink form kegs of beer. By the middle of the afternoon, most of them had given up on their efforts, and the protest was over.

Local TV stations and other media covered the events.

Some students were upset with the erection of the shanty town on the quad, citing the shanty towns erected in the struggle over divestment at Hamilton in the eighties. Jess Klein '95 commented, "It's a real slap in the face for the people who fought against apartheid here." She added "The societies build shanty towns as if to say that... living like every other student is taking away some right."

President Tobin responds to protest

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an interview shortly after Thursday afternoon's protest of against the Residential Life Study recommendations, President Eugene Tobin reaffirmed his support of students' rights to protest, while adding a word of caution.

> "The whole ability to express yourself is an important part of college life."
>
> -President Tobin

"The whole ability to express yourself is an important part of the college life," he said. "It comes with another obligation— responsibility to listen and engage in constructive dialogue and conversation."

He noted with pleasure that more than 200 students have already expressed interest in serving on the various committees, now in the formation stage, that will serve to implement the recommendations offered from the Board of Trustee's Report on Residential Life.

"There are students who are unhappy," he said, "but there are an equally large number who are working constructively to enable the Residential Life Report to become a success."

"I certainly want to meet with students to make the report reflect their concerns," he added.

Tobin emphasized that the Board of Trustees derived the recommendations contained in the Residential Life report only after exhaustive study.

He noted that their implementation will require the support of the entire Hamilton community.

Voicebox: What impact do you think Thursday's Residential Life protest will have?

PHOTOS BY GABRIEL CID '97

"Having been social chair of a sorority and experiencing all the red tape already in place, I can't begin to imagine the hell it is going to be to throw parties. Good ..... luck! I'm gone!"
--Jess Godfrey '95
Phi Beta Chi

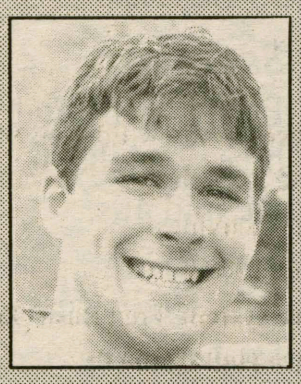
"Unfortunately, I do not think that it will have much effect. The administration has, through its actions, made it clear that they are not concerned with what students think. Hopefully, they will start to realize that we are not going to stop without a war."
--Gary Bisbee '97
Psi Upsilon

"It's obvious that the situation is not rectified. Students are not being heard, and most of all, we need what's best for the students."
--Ante Galic '97
Delta Upsilon

"I do not think this protest will reverse the decision; however, it will serve to show the trustees that a good portion of the campus is very unhappy and that the implementation of their decision will be tedious."
--Ben Mintz '98
Class of 1998
President

"The school continues to ignore the desires of its present students. The trustees care only about the future students. We pay over $100,000. We should be listened to!"
--Avery Cook '97
Delta Kappa Epsilon

What do YOU think about the Res. Life Protest?

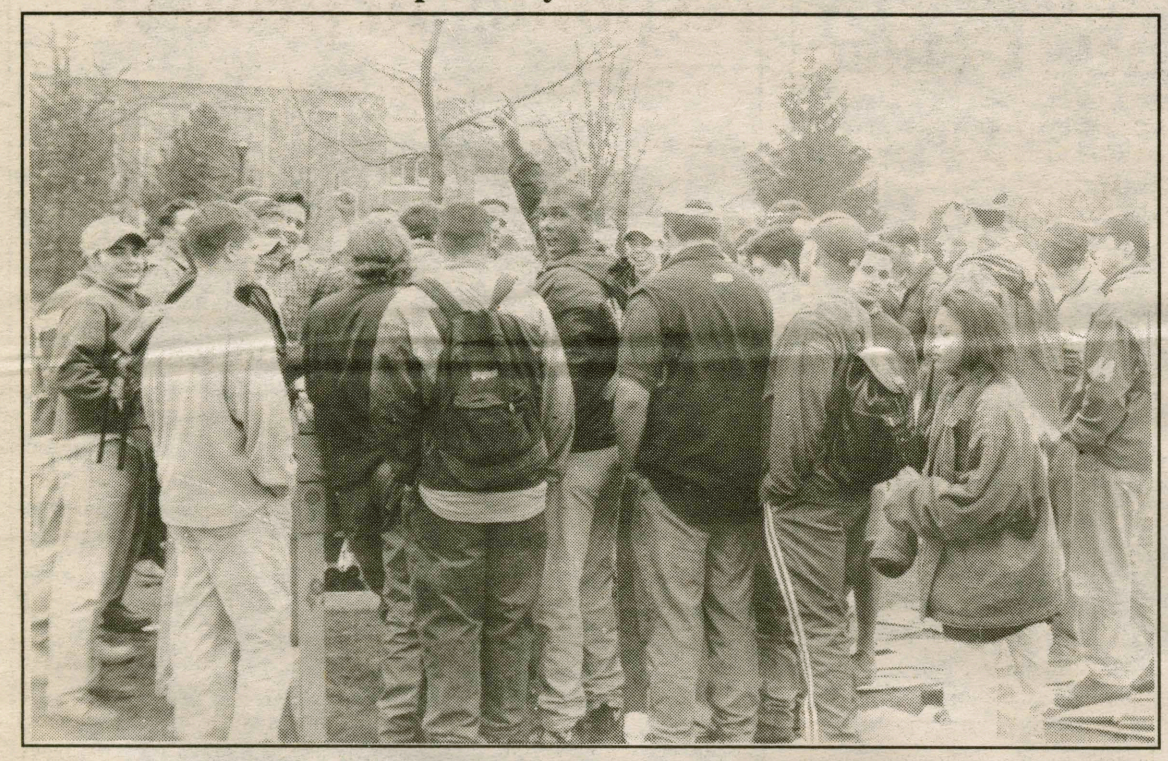


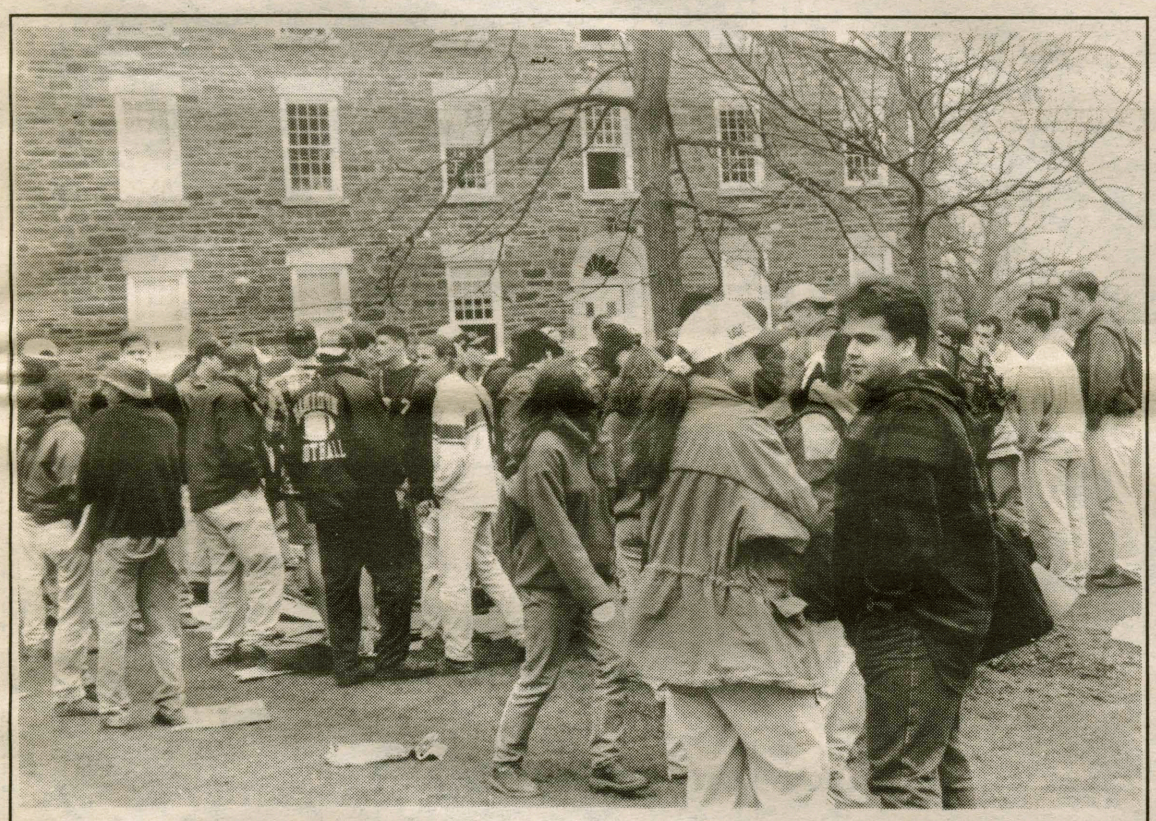
"With nothing to lose now, it is no holds barred! This is only the beginning. With the school officials on the scene, it's obviously making an impact."
--Gary Heenan '97
Psi Upsilon

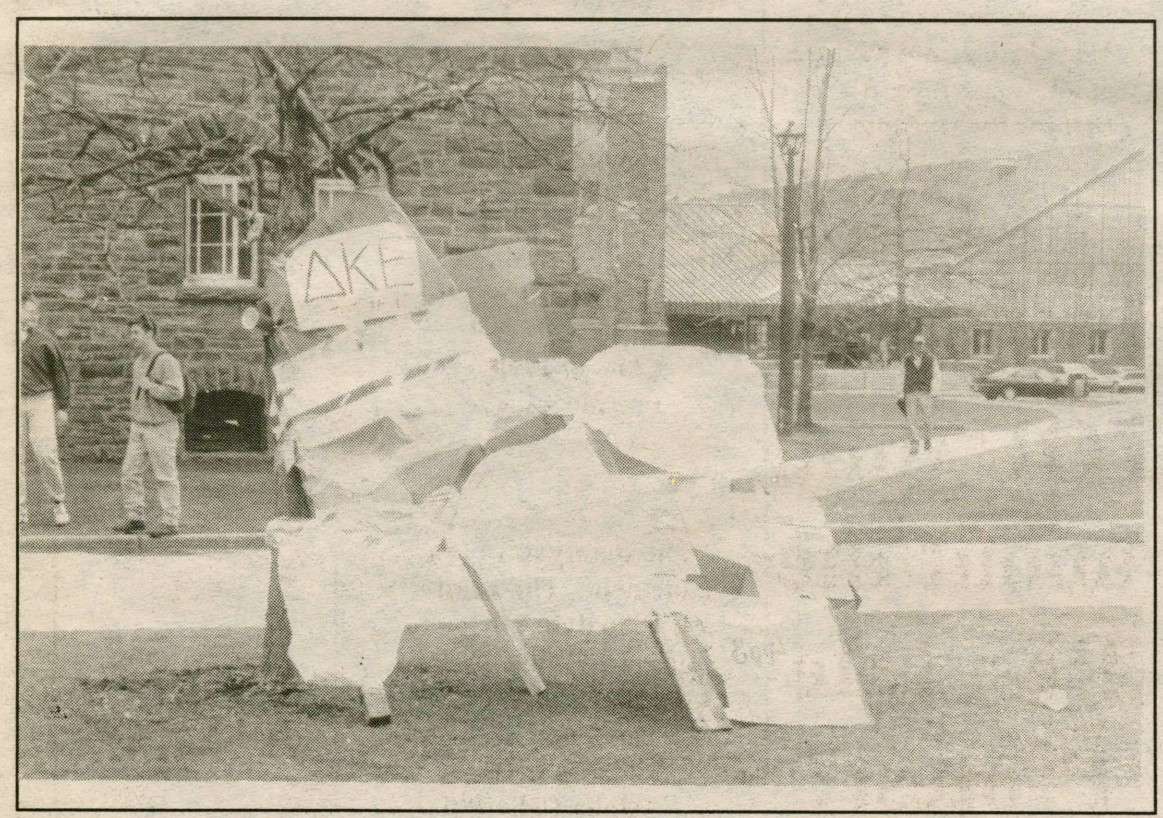
"The shanty town is a statement. The administration didn't listen to our voices in the Res. Life Study. Maybe they will listen now!!"
--Dan Roberts '97
Alpha Delta Phi

Expanded protest coverage

photos by Gabriel Cid '97







'Committees up and running', for implementation of the Residential Life Study plan

By Jacob Stetser '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In the past week, more than sixteen committees have been formed for the purpose of "giving life to the blueprint [of the Res. Life results], clarifying, evaluating, finessing, and maximizing the benefits of the program." The committees consist of students, faculty, staff, and administration representatives, and there are estimated to be currently two hundred people involved with the committees and Interest Groups.

Dean Coates described the Interest Groups as a "focus group for the committees." The IGs provide a public forum of discussion for those who are interested in taking a part in the decision-making process regarding the implementation of the Residential Life changes. College officials feel that the committees needed input, but also needed to be small and have access to as much information about the committee as possible. The Interest Groups were created to respond to the committees and provide a broader perspective. "The Interest Groups will work closely with the committees to examine the proposals," stated Dean Coates.

The Residential Life Committees will operate on a three-tier implementation program with deadlines this August, May of 1996, and August of 1996. Some of the committees, such as the Faculty in Residence Program Feasibility Committee, will determine the appropriateness of certain programs which the Residential Life Decision asked to be examined. If the Faculty in Residence program, for example, were deemed beneficial, the Faculty in Residence Program Committee would then step in and submit its report by August of 1996. Most of the major changes to Residential Life on the Hill will be discussed by committees which will report by this August, though long term changes such as the renovation of Dunham, will be completed over a longer span of time.

"The most effective way [to effect change] is to involve those affected," said Dean Coates, explaining that rather than forming committees which would report to those affected only at the end of the decision-making process. She hopes that creating committees out of representatives of the affected parties will involve them all the way through and spur productive and beneficial change. The committee chairpersons met earlier this week for an orientation regarding their tasks, and will be meeting this week or next with their committee members.

Anyone interested in learning more about the committees or joining an Interest Group can contact the chairperson of the respective committee. He or she will provide more information about the process.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE COMMITTEES
AND CHAIRPERSONS

- **Rogers Estate Program-**
  Nat Strout, Assoc. Dean of Faculty
- **Common Meal Program-** Nat Strout
- **Orientation Committee-**
  Nancy Thompson, Assoc. Dean of Students
- **Academic Advising-**
  Jim Bradfield, Assoc. Dean of Students (Academic)
- **Pilot Seminar Program-**
  Jonathan Vaughan, Comm. on Academic Policy
- **Faculty in Residence Program-**
  Paula Rust, Comm. on Student Activities
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  Betsey Espe, Dir. of Auxiliary and Contract Services
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- **Restructure Student Governance system-** Fred Bush '96
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Private society members stage mass protest

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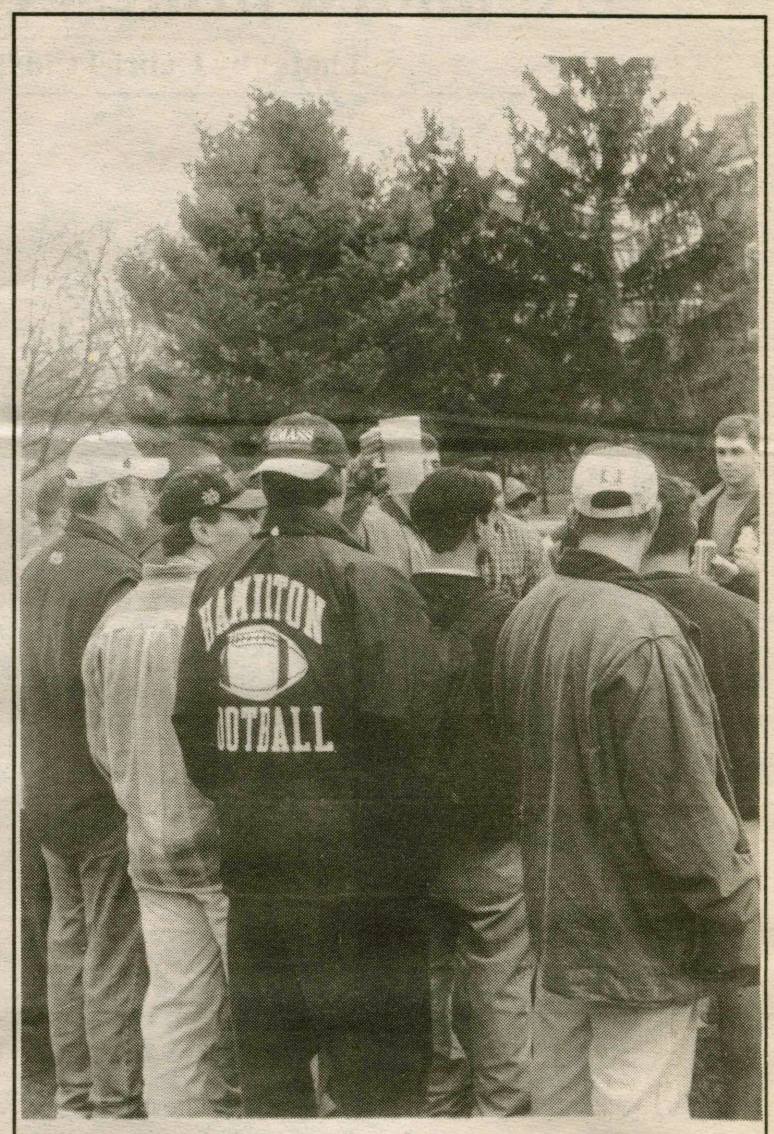

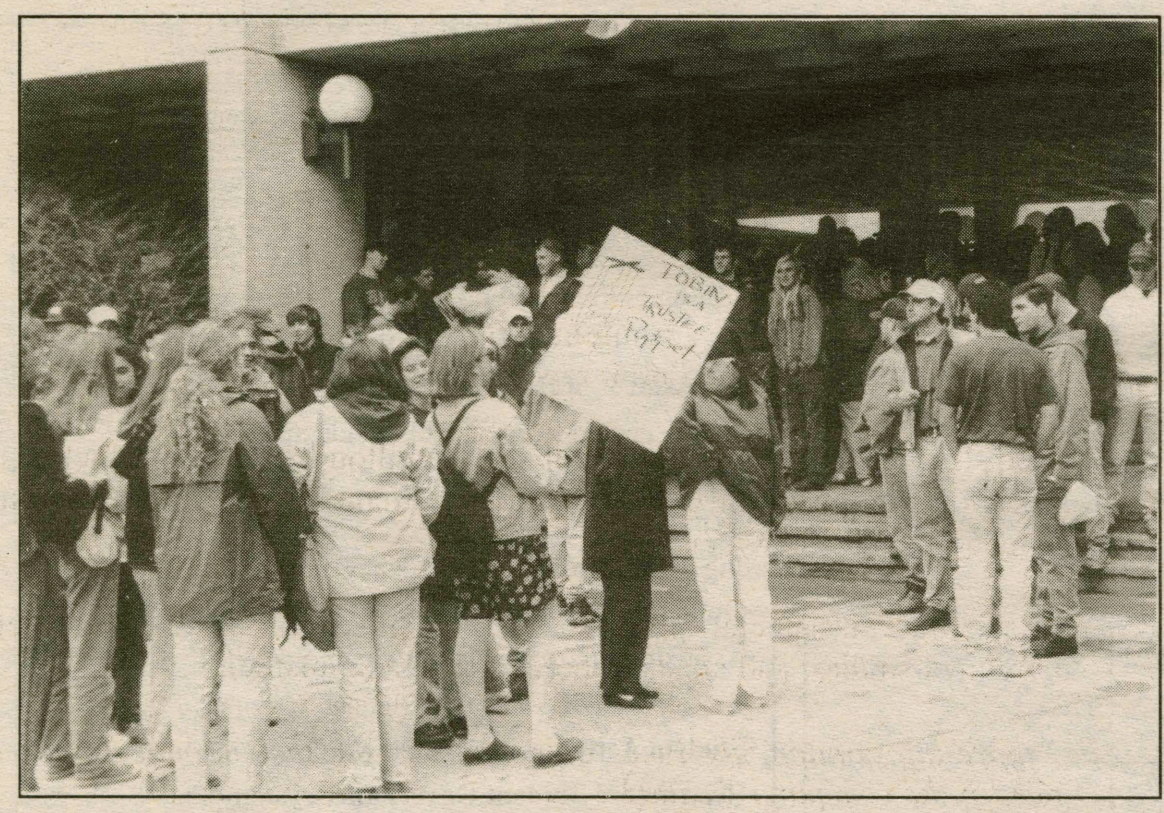

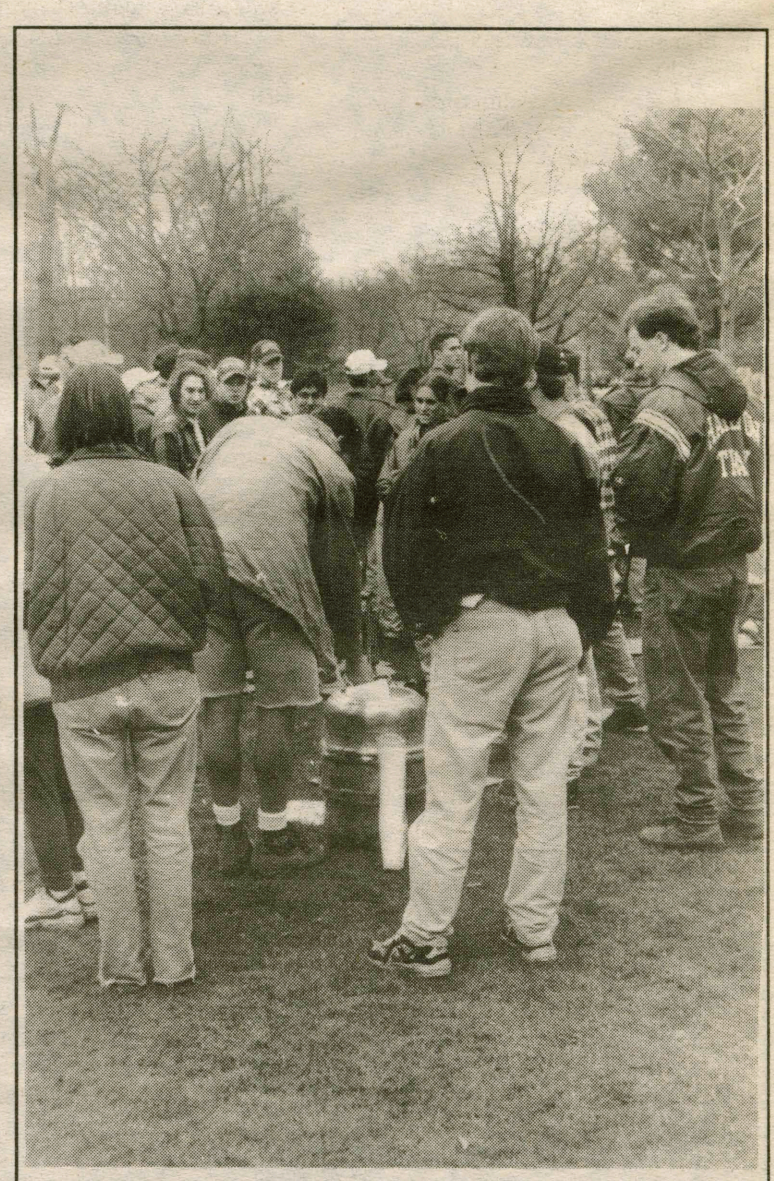

Reformation a continuous process at Hamilton's Office of Admission; Staff expresses optimism for the future

*from **Admission** on page 1*

age of admitted students who choose to enroll at Hamilton is expected to be similar to other recent years, at slightly more than 25 percent.

Fuller emphasized that attracting students to Hamilton is an ongoing process that begins long before the April crunch period when college-bound high school seniors make their choice of schools. "Yield starts the first time you talk with a prospective student," said Fuller.

"We are proud of the work that Rit Fuller and his colleagues have accomplished," said President Eugene Tobin. "We should be optimistic. It is a wonderful sign that the College is in demand."

In addition to this year's lower acceptance rate, the ratio of male and female students is more equal than in the past. Fifty-one percent of the admitted student for the Class of 1999 are men, a drop of several percentage points from other recent years.

Reformation process continues

"We consistently have to look at a way of doing our business better," commented Fuller, noting that admission is "a team effort" involving all members of the Hamilton community.

Director of Admission Lora Schilder described the reformation of the admissions programs is a continuous process. In addition to a continued personalization of the admission process, Hamilton is more aggressively recruiting potential applicants.

"We were, as usual, out pounding the pavement in the fall," she said, adding that admissions officers spend considerably more time on the road, recruiting students than they did only a decade ago.

Each year, informational packets are sent out to 70 thousand high school students of have taken their PSAT's. This month, interviews of high juniors began, making it the earliest formal start for the admissions process that Hamilton has used. Schilder said that in the future, Hamilton will contact high school sophomores to further boost recruiting efforts.

Many of the measures now being implemented at Hamilton are similar to those at other comparable institutions. As the cost of a college education has increased dramatically and the applicant pool has dwindled, admissions offices have had to employ more aggressive recruiting tactics. Schilder noted there exists "a curve of turning [the admissions] profession into a more personalized service program."

Hamilton, she said, is making efforts to expand recruiting programs in areas of the U.S. where a higher percentage of college applicants are likely to come from in the future, particularly in California and the Southeast.

Associate Dean of Admission Susan Feldman said that Hamilton's World Alumni Volunteer Effort (WAVE) programs is being expanded. Using alumni to promote the College in regions of the country where Hamilton is not well known, WAVE will be expanded in coming years.

Despite the recent success of Hamilton's admission efforts, they still remain shrouded by an occasional flop. Schilder recalled an open house for prospective students held in Buffalo in January of 1994. The event fell on Superbowl Sunday, during gametime ,while the Buffalo Bills faced off against the Dallas Cowboys. As a result, only one prospective student came to the open house. This student was later rejected when he applied for admission at Hamilton.

Financial aid concerns

Of continuing concern to many Hamilton applicants are issues of financial aid. In recent years, resources have become increasingly constrained as tuition cost have risen sharply and the number of students requiring some form of aid has increased.

"We've used our finite resources a little more strategically," said Fuller who added that the admission process remains need blind.

According to Director of Financial Aid Kenneth Kogut, however, 180 students are currently on the financial aid waiting list, up from 150 last year. Need blind admissions means only that students will be accepted without regard to their ability to pay for the cost of a Hamilton education. Unlike in the past, not at all students who request aid ultimately receive it.

Though the financial aid waiting list has existed only sporadically in the past, it has been in continuous existence for the last four year now.

Approximately 60 percent of Hamilton student receive some form of financial aid, while 50 percent receive aid directly from the College. Kogut said these percentages may climb further as tuition continues to rise. Tuition and fees for next year will be more than $25,000. Less than twenty years ago, during the 1978-1979 school year, tuition and fees were $6,475 and all who requested financial aid received it.

"We try to do whatever we can for applicants," said Kogut. He noted that a sluggish national economy and the failure of family incomes to keep pace with the rising costs of a college education have further contributed to the rising demand for financial aid.

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PRIZE PATROL. Tim Fox (left) was the winner of a free parking permit for the 1995-1996 academic year. Fred Bush 96' and Kelly Overton '96 who, helped sponsor the raffle for the permit, are seen here congratulating Fox.

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For more information, see Peter Blanchfield in the Institutional Research Office (in the Computer Center)

Food service selection in final stages

Twelve food service providers in the bidding

By Meghan Hallock '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The College recently entered the final strages of the bidding process for a contractor to operate the campus dining halls. The corporations involved in the bidding have been visiting the College and inspecting the dining hall facilities during the last two weeks. A final selection is expected to be made by May 15.

Hallmark Corporation has been the College's food service for the past eight years. Responding to student dissatisfaction with the meals services provided by Hallmark,the Food Service Bid Committee, comprised of students and administrators sent out four scenarios to twelve food services. The scenarios were based on the variety of situations that could be on campus next fall. Director of Contract Operations Betsy Espe stated that the intiative came because, "The students would like to see a change in the board program and because the Residential Life Plan will be so drastic."

The twelve corporations were compiled by the National Association of Colleges and Universities Food Services (NACUFS). This group performed background work for Hamilton, to indentify companies that would be the strongest candidates for the community.

Only eleven companies are currently in the bidding process, as the twelfth, Sodexo,Colby College's food service dropped out due to a conflict of interest with Morrisons, a subsidiary of Sodexo.

The eleven companies now in the bidding process are Aramark Corporation, Bon Appetit Management Co., Daka Inc., The Fame Corporation, Flik International, Hallmark Management Service Inc., Marriott Management, Morrisons, Sage Dining Services, ServRite Corporation and The Wood Company.

Espe said that of particular interest to the committee was a more flexible meal plan. The ideal would be what the industry calls a hybrid situation. This would combine the set meal plan, like 21 and 14, with the declining balance system, where students have allotted money to use in a semester. The problem that has been found at schools where the declining balance system is used, is that students often run out of money and have to spend more at the end of a semester. A hybrid situation would allow for a set number of meals a week and more spending power. The extra money would be like the points system that currently exists, but more substantial. This type of plan has proved effective at many colleges.

When talking about the companies that have visited Hamilton Espe said, "There is a real range in the companies we've been talking to." The range goes from computerized menus,large companies with great chefs, small companies with catering and ice sculpturing to the companies that she has particular interest in, those which make their food from scratch.She has visited thirty schools in the past six months and found that schools where the food was made from scratch and used all fresh products had the most satisfied students.At one school she visited 50 percent of the menu was vegetarian or vegan. She also pointed to atmosphere as a major component, and felt renovations to Commons Dining Hall would greatly improve the service.

The companies have been visiting the dining halls for the past two weeks. Espe feels that the groups that made efforts to speak with students had the most potential because the college is looking to respond to student wishes. The Bid Committee will review the bids between April 24-27. After narrowing the bids to three or four contenders there will be requests for oral presentations. These will take place on May 3. The companies will have to answer prepared questions and the meeting will be open to the public and videotaped for further viewing. The committee will then make a recommendation to the President, Vice President of Administration and Finance and the Dean of Students who will announce the final choice on May 15.

Keehn soccer hero : Tom Kellog '96

By Jacqueline Fabius '95
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

On Monday, April 10, Tom Kellog '96 sacrificed his leg in an intramural soccer game. The game was well into the second half in a match between "Team Mopus" (Keehn) and "Classic Pizza", a team from Utica college. "Classic Pizza" was leading 7-0, when the accident occurred. Even with the odds against him, Tom was still giving it his best, and keeping the team spirit up. There was a pass from half court towards which Tom sprinted at the speed of lightning, "It was a fifty-fifty ball," he was caught saying a bit later.

Both Tom and the goalie headed for the ball with tremendous force, creating a collision that looked harmless at first. As the ball went into the net, Team Mopus cheered with such noise that Tom, the scoring hero was left prostrate on the ground. When he did not get up, people started approaching to discover that Tom had broken his leg during his fabulous goal. As Lauren Van Deren came to hold his hand in comfort, Tom first question was "Did it go in?" The EMT's were called to the scene immediately, and an ambulance followed shortly at Tom's request.

The game ended immediately with the opposing team showing great regret at the accident. "That was a risky ball that he went for," said the Classic Pizza goalie "He came towards the ball with such force that I was taken aback, and winded when I fell!" He was also quoted as saying that "this fellow was just not giving up, he kept going hard at all possible shots throughout the game. He was definitely the biggest threat against me, and I knew he would get at least one in by the end of the game".

Tom was taken to the St. Elizabeth Hospital emergency room in Utica where the special physician arrived two and a half to three hours later to take a look at Tom's leg. "Were you wearing shin pads?" was the his first question. However, it was clear that shin pads would not have prevented the break, but perhaps would have made it less severe. The next day after an early liquid breakfast, Tom was taken into a two and a half hour surgery, in which a steel pin was placed into his leg.

Tom will be unable to play active, running sports for the next six months. Tom's teammates expressed regret at the loss of one the most valuable players of "Team Mopus". "It's a tough break for us," said Carl Stamm '95, friend and teammate. Despite the injury, however, teammates emphasize that Tom is still a star in their eyes. Matt Davidson, another teammate and friend said that "the loss of Tom has definitely affected the team, although we hope to continue the season on his behalf".

Tom is now back on campus, headed for recovery.

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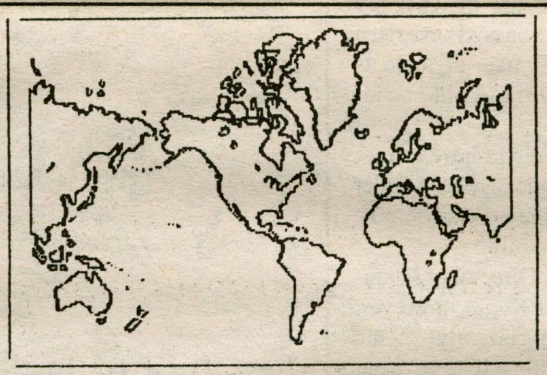
All are welcome to attend.



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* New years Day; Bangladesh; Nepal; Myanmar.
* Good Friday; Vendredi Saint; Karfreitag; Viernes Santo.

Saturday April 15th : * Anniversary of Military Regime, Niger.
* First day of passover; (Jewish) Pessah; Pessach; Primer dia de Pessaj.
* Hanuman Jayamti - Hindu.
* Last Day of Lent, Christians.

Sunday, April 16th : * Queen's Birthday, Denmark.
* Easter Sunday; Paques; Ostersonntag; Pascua.
* Palm Sunday (Orthodox).

Monday, April 17th : * Evacuation Day, Syria.
* Easter Monday; Lundi de Paques; Ostermontag, Lunes de Pascua.

Tuesday, April 18th : * Independence Day, Zimbabwe
* Radnica, Belarus

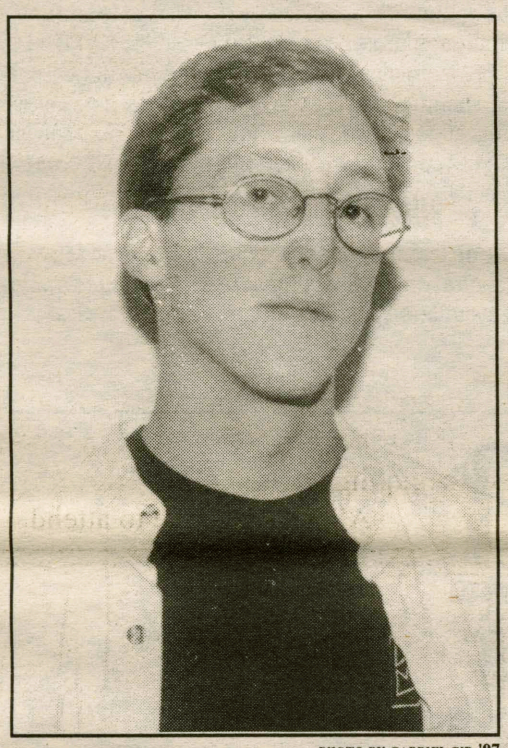
Wednesday, April 19th : * Republic, Sierra Leone
* Constitution Day, Venezuela

Watson Fellow to spend year making role playing games in Russia

By Jaime Tackett '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship is a program that enables college graduates of exceptional promise to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad following graduation. It is intended to provide Fellows with the opportunity to immerse themselves in cultures other than their own for an entire year. This year, senior Alex Humphreys has been chosen as a recipient of this fellowship.

Candidates for this program must first submit a proposed project to their school involving investigation into an area of demonstrated concern and personal interest. From these applications and subsequent interviews, only four applications may be submitted from each of the 48 participating institutions. The goal of this highly selective Fellowship is to promote the pursuit of a creative, feasible project that may be pursued with independence. Only 60 or fewer candidates are chosen from the large pool of applications received each year. These recipients are each given a grant of $15,000 to pursue their project.



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Alex Humphreys '95

Alex's project involves spending a year in Russia where he will work on the creation of a role-playing game written in Russian. He is hoping to be able to publish a role-playing rule book in Russian within a year of the completion of this project. While Alex is not yet certain whether the specifics will include a medieval Dungeons & Dragons like game or possible something more futuristic, this Fellowship will allow him the opportunity to travel around and explore possibilities.

He originally conceived of the idea for this project while reflecting upon his year abroad. Alex, a Russian Studies major, spent last year studying at a university in Nizhny-Novgorod, a large Russian city three hundred miles east of Moscow. While there, he missed the role playing games he had played at home. He hoped someday to be able to create such a game in Russian, as he felt it would go over well. When he heard about the Watson Fellowship, he realized that it was his opportunity to do so. While very excited about this opportunity, when asked what he expects to get out of it, he responded very simply, "I most want to get out of this what I cannot predict."

Professor of Mathematics, Richard Bedient, the person responsible for Hamilton applications to this fellowship, could not seem to say enough positive things about "astonishing opportunities" presented by this program. He feels that this is an excellent chance for graduating seniors to "try to think of what they want to be doing rather than what they should be doing" when planning their futures, and added that "it's not just the individual winners, but the opportunity to help juniors and seniors think where they are heading" that is so wonderful.

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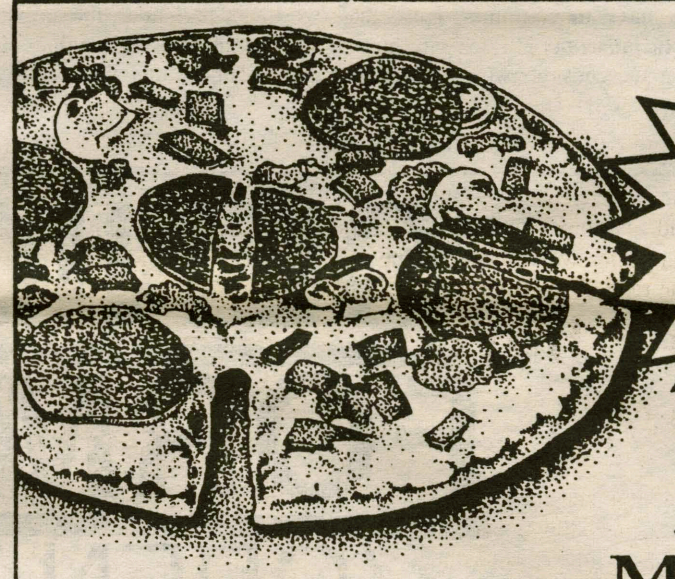

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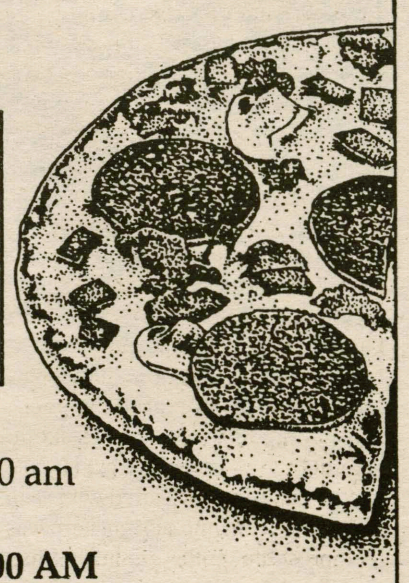

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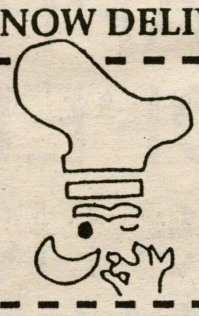

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How do I get my computer connected to the network?

By David Smallen
Director, ITS and IR

This is the second in a series of articles to inform the community about the implementation of the campus network. It focuses on the connection of computers in residence halls.

In my last article, I described some of the possible uses of the new campus network that will be ready for prime time by the start of the fall term of 1995. In order to use network resources, you will need access to a computer that is connected to the network. For some students, this will mean using one of the computers in our public computing labs located in Burke Library and the Kirner-Johnson building. For others, they will be able to use the labs operated by several academic departments in connection with their course offerings. Faculty and staff, will connect from computers located in their offices or common areas.

Students who own computers will be able to connect with the network from their residence hall rooms, and if they have a portable computer, from many other locations on the campus, as well. Our network will be capable of transmitting data at very high speeds and will require special hardware to be installed in each computer. For slower speed networks, modems were used to provide the connection between the computer and the network. Modems are capable of transmission speeds between 250 characters per second and 1,500 characters per second. Transmission speed on our network will be 1 million characters per second. This higher speed will be necessary for transmitting graphics, video, and audio information that we expect to be part of the learning experience for students in the future. However, to achieve these higher speeds it is necessary for each computer connected to the network to be "ethernet capable". For most computers this means that the owner must purchase and install a network interface card (nic). Some older computer systems are not capable of accepting a network interface card, and some newer computers already are ethernet capable. Individuals with older computers may have to continue to use the public labs, or purchase a new computer to access network resources. Most computers will be ethernet capable in the future. Finally, a cable is necessary to connect the computer to the data port on the information outlet.

A committee of faculty, staff, and students evaluated various nics and has recommended that the "Hamilton standard" nics for Macintosh computers be those made by the Asante Corporation, and for DOS/Windows machines those made by 3Com Corporation. Nics made by different vendors perform differently, even in the same machine. To minimize the difficulty of resolving network problems, we will give priority for assistance to individuals who have computers with standard nics. We are in the process of negotiating discount pricing for these nics, which will include the cost of installation and more details about the standards will be available by the end of April.

The committee also considered the performance characteristics of different computers and recommended minimum computer configurations for connecting to the network. In particular, the amount of memory and disk space that a computer contains can significantly affect its performance when connected with the network.

Next academic year, our objective is to connect as many people to the network, as soon as possible, and have them begin to use network resources. It will be a big job! We will be installing nics in institutionally-owned machines over the summer, and in order to prepare for a possible avalanche of requests for connections from students in the fall we will soon conduct a survey. **Students who complete the survey will be given priority for connection to the network.** In addition, students who complete surveys will be part of a lottery, with first prize being a gift certificate for $25 for dinner at Symeon's Restaurant.

Another committee is evaluating methods of doing the installations. The committee has discussed the installation approaches used by twelve other colleges. They have found that Hamilton is very close to the leading edge of what is being done in higher education, especially with respect to residence hall networking. We expect to be trying a number of different approaches including: contracting with a company to do the installations; having teams of students do the installations; going out to the dorms to do installations, having students bring computers to a central area for installation. Installing a nic in a computer can be a tricky and costly adventure if you don't observe proper precautions. Installers will have to be trained in the proper procedures since static discharge can ruin computer components. Through this experimentation process we'll see what works best for the future. Computers that are purchased through the College Store will have the installation already completed when the computer is picked up. This "plug and play" approach will minimize the time it will take to begin using the network.

The good news is that for most students the installation process will have to be done once in their four years at Hamilton - similar to signing in at the Kirkland Cottage. Using the campus network, on the other hand, will become an everyday part of the learning experience during those four years.

Next in the series: *Network Policies - The Issues*

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You'll be happier than a pig in mud when the Al-Ham weekend comes around

By Bill Murphy '96
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

This spring, the Inter-Society Council, as part of the Al-Ham Weekend, will be sponsoring a variety of events. Although there will be several parties, bands, and gatherings of epic proportions, the highlight of the weekend will be the Al-Ham Games. In the spirit of the Olympics, the Al-Ham Games are an effort to bring the community together, to set aside our differences and have a good time. The games will pit co-ed groups of twelve (six men and six women) against each other. The winner of these games will get a **$500.00** cash prize.

Several students have worked tirelessly to put together an event which everyone can enjoy. All members of the Hamilton community are welcome— liberal, conservative, moderate, pro-society, anti-society, indifferent— the more people from all walks of Hamilton life, the more fun we can all have together..

Teams must be sponsored by an organization or residence hall. Each residence hall is allowed two teams, while each organization is allowed one. Teams, however, need not consist entirely of members of the sponsor organization, so if you want to get some ringers to stack the deck in your favor, you should feel free. The only limitations are that participants must be members of the Hamilton community (ie. students, faculty, or staff) and that the teams must be co—ed. Additionally, a sixty dollar registration fee is required, which may be paid by either the sponsor organization or the individual team members.

The games will include a three legged soccer tournament (with a ball that's four feet in diameter), a pie eating contest, big wheel races, a water ballon launch, bat races, and, of course, tug o' war. This is an excellent opportunity to see your friends, RA's, cleaning people, security officers, and, hopefully, faculty and administrators in some fairly compromising positions. It promises to be the highlight of your time at Hamilton.

The events will be accompanied by parties sponsored by the fraternities and sororities, but attending the parties isby no means necessary to compete in the games. Party bracelets may be purchased seperately for Friday and Saturday, or not at all. There will be both alternative beverage and snacks provided, at a reduced bracelet price. The events will be held outdoors, so all are welcome to come and heckle the participants as well as laugh your a-- off.

We have all heard of the "Hamilton cool", the abundance of apathy, and the student-faculty rift. But, if there's one thing we all have in common, it's that we like to have a good time. Here's the chance to see not only what your teachers or students are like outside of class, but what they look like riding a big wheel with their faces covered with pie. Just don't expect faculty to get involved on their own; the student body can be a fairly intimidating group of individuals. Encourage your faculty and staff to get involved, invite them to be on your team, make sure physical plant has a team, grab your neighbors and RA's. This promises to be an excellent weekend for all, and all you need is the drive to get a team together. If you feel you might be excluded or ostricized... don't. This is a personal invitation to **every single member of the community**, students, faculty, and staff alike.

If you're interested in a good time, send your rosters in by April 14 (no later than April 17) to Bill Murphy '96 via campus mail along with your sixty dollars. Sponsor organizations can be anything from societies, to academic departments, to campus publications and musical groups, and support groups. Anyone and everyone is welcome. You'll be happier than a pig in slop if you join the greatest event this side of the Oneida County Fair and "Utica Days Parade." Ya'll come join us, ya' hear!!!

FYI: a chickenpox vaccine has been found!

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

Approximately 5 to 10 percent of all individuals somehow make it through childhood without getting chickenpox, one of the more common and more contagious childhood diseases.

Chickenpox is caused by the varicella-zoster virus which is one of the human herpes viruses. It is more prevalent in the winter and spring months. Transmission most often occurs with direct contact with the fluid of a lesion or the mucus membranes of an infected person. Transmission via respiratory secretions is possible but less common. An infected person is contagious about two days before the rash appears and continues to be contagious until all lesions are dry and crusted. The incubation period of the virus is 10 to 21 days with the average being 14 days.

In most adults there is one or two days of a low grade fever before the rash developes. The lesions begin as individual small red flat spots that change to elevated spots then becoming blister-like containing a clear fluid. These lesions then open and form a crust. The progression of the stages of a lesion usually occur within 48 hours. The lesions also break out in "crops"... meaning that each day there will be new crops of lesions. The rash typically begins on the trunk, the face, and the scalp. Lesions then appear all over the body adn can even break out on mucous membranes such as the mouth, throat, and vagina. It may take as long as 5 to 6 days before no new lesions erupt. Once all the lesions aare crusted, the person is no longer contagious, however the crusted lesions may remain for a week or more.

Treatment for chickenpox is symptomatic and includes lotions and antihistamines to help control the itching. Possible complications include secondary bacterial infections of the lesions, pneumonitis and encephalitis. These are not common but the illness is usually more serious in adults than with children.

Until recently, the onlyprotection against chickenpox was immunity following natural infection. Consequently, those individuals who had not had chickenpox were at high risk of developing it if exposed to individuals with the disease.

The FDA has now approved the use of a new chickenpox vaccine and it will be available in about six weeks. The American Academy of Pediatrics is urging everyone eligible who has never had chickenpox to get vaccinated. If you have not had this virus, you should see your Health Care Provider about possible vaccination.

Freshmen were stripped and painted green

By Bill Ferguson '95
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

Once again, like spring, the Historical Tour of the College has return to the Hill. If you are looking for something different to do on campus while enjoying the nice weather that has finally come, then join one of the final Historical Tours being offered at Hamilton this spring.

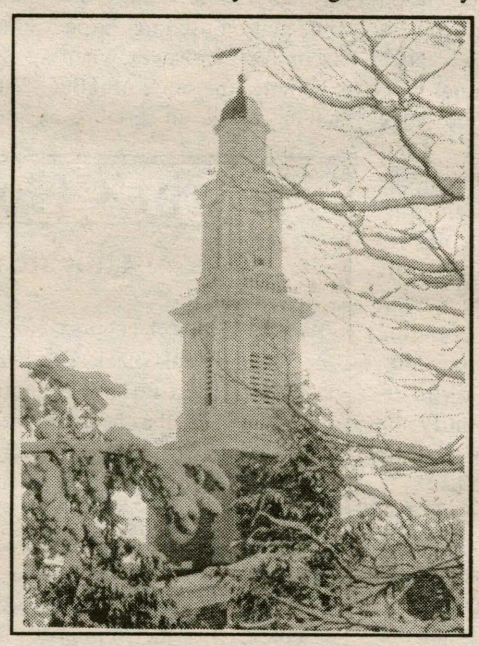
What is the Historical Tour of the College? It is a trip through time, through the two fascinating centuries that students have been walking the same paths we walk and studying at the institution we all know and love.

Find out why Hamilton College came to be, and what challenges it has overcome in its long existence. Find out what student life has been like, especially in the early years, and learn about the intriguing history behind many of the buildings that we live and work in everyday.

With all the debate about the current residential life system on campus, have you ever wondered what life was like for the earliest students? What was it like to eat in the earliest dining hall, the building we now call Buttrick Hall? What was social life at Hamilton like before the age of collegiate sports and extracurricular activities? What did these students do on those long Hamilton winter days?

Students had little need for sports since they had to regularly haul firewood from the quad up to the fireplaces in their rooms or haul water from the college wells. One such well survives just outside Buttrick.

One of the few diversions that students had was to hold weekly debates on current political issues. The debates were held by the original literary societies (the Phoenix Society and the Philopeuthian Society - ELS came much later). Find out why these early societies were phased out and replaced by the current fraternity system in the 1830's.



Chapel

Perhaps because of the lack of activities on campus, students at Hamilton in the nineteenth century frequently devised a variety of ingenious pranks. One such prank was to take apart the president's carriage, haul the pieces to the top of a dorm (like North) at nighttime, and put them back together.

In the morning, the president would wake up and find his carriage nicely parked on top of a dorm.

There was considerable class rivalry, especially between the freshman and sophomore classes, and it was common for many years for sophomores to invade a freshman's room, make him strip, and paint him completely with green paint. Usually, by the end of the year, over half of the freshmen class was subjected to this initiation to the Hill.

Take a tour and find out about the long-time tradition of "ringing the rust off the bell" and all sorts of other imaginative pranks - including one involving the president's longjohns, and another organized by famous Hamilton alum B.F. Skinner.

Many of the beautiful old buildings on our campus have fascinating stories to tell. Kirkland Dorm, many people are surprised to learn, served for many years as the college's gymnasium. From 1891 to 1940, when the present Alumni Gym was built, Kirkland contained a two-story pool, a gymnasium, and an indoor track. Many older alumni can remember playing sports, including fencing, in there. On the tour, you will learn why North Dorm took twenty years to build, and learn all about Hamilton's famous Litchfield Observatory that once stood in front of Sigma Phi.

These are just a few of the fascinating, little known facts about the college we live and work at. I think it's important not to get so wrapped up in our daily lives that we forget all the interesting things that have happened before us.

The next time you walk into the chapel, remember that generations of students like us since 1827 have used that building for many different things, including as a chemistry lab, a theatre, a library, to take Greek or Physics, or to play practical jokes involving various forms of livestock. If only buildings could speak!

I have greatly enjoyed offering a Historical Tour of the College for three semesters now. I started the tour because I love old buildings, and when I learned about the interesting history behind many of them, and behind Hamilton College in general, I wanted to give others the opportunity to share in the discovery of our past. Even though I am a science major, I think that history is vital to putting our current lives into perspective.

If you have ever had a curiosity about the past of our beautiful college, then I invite you to come on one of my two remaining tours. I will be offering tours on Sundays at 2:00 from the Chapel on the following dates: April 23 and May 7. If these times are inconvenient, I am always willing to arrange special tours at any time.

Just call me at x1341.

Now that the snow and ice have begun to melt;
And the chill in the air is no longer felt,
You will want to get rid of the messy slosh,
So bring your car down to the Clinton Car Wash.
To make your car shine, we'll use all sorts of tricks, in turn you'll help the class of '96.
From ten up until two on April fifteen,
That's when we will be there to make your car clean!
From College Ave. make a turn onto Dwight;
And you will see the Car Wash come into sight.

Please support the Class of 1996 at our car Wash at the Clinton Car Wash on April 15th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Just a lot of hard work and a !*#@$& amount of grits

By Christine Neufeld '96
SPECIAL TO FEATURES

On March 11, 40 Hamilton students left Cinton for a spring break filled with hard work, sweat, blisters, and maybe even a few tears. These students were part of HAVOC's 3rd annual Alternative Spring Break. Thirty of the ABS participants traveled to Miami to build homes with Habitat for Humanity's Hurricane Andrew Relief Program.

The other ten students drove down to Franklin, North Carolina where they worked at six different sites run by the Macon Program for Progress. The following excerpts were taken from the journal that the group kept while working in North Carolina.

15 March 1995

I have been amazed since day one at what we are doing down here. I have seen poor people and lazy people who don't care where they live. Some of the shacks I have worked in are unbelievable. Today we worked on a house that should be burned to the ground. The people did not work and they did not care. The house had no windows and no insulation. I felt like I was wanted, needed even. I think that is why I feel so good today...

17 March 1995

Today was pretty sad. I worked at Head Start in Miss Debbie's class again. All of the kids are so cute and lovable. When they saw me, they ran up to me and hugged my legs. They were so happy to see me. The saddest thing for me is that in some instances the kids were happier to see me than their parents. This program means a lot to me. I am so happy that I was able to bring a little joy into the children's lives.

Children from the Head Start program

19 March 1995
4:29 am

It all started about a week ago with a simple and seeminlgy silly question, "Christine, when we get there can I have some grits?" Just one week later those words meant so much more to each of the ten of us than they were ever intended to mean.

The van ride down seemed to break the initial akwardness of having ten virtual strangers thrown together for a week. Finally around 2:30 am, we were somewhere in North Carolina. Everyone was either asleep or in that catatonic state that arises after being in a car for 16 hours.

I was nervous when we arrived in Franklin and had no place to go. It was 3:30 am and nothing looked very friendly (and this was before I knew that Deliverance was filmed in the next town!). The Sapphire Inn turned us down around 5 am, looking back I really can't blame the owner who we woke up to come to the door. A van from New York pulls up at 5 am with four guys and six girls in it looking for a room for a few hours?? But we had to try something. Finally, thanks to a trucker that I met at Arnold's Diner, we found our way to the police station which, though locked and deserted, made the perfect resting grounds (temporarily of course) for the big blue Jitney from NY.

The next day we were thrown right in the middle of it. As we wroked on houses and mobile homes, and with children and senoir citizens at Head Start and day care, we met people from all classes, with different stories and beliefs totally foreign to our own. We left one week later, and we know we didn't save the world. We didn't change the lives of the people we met, but they probably changed ours forever.

The signs of our transformations were everywhere. I don't think I will ever forget how sad Matt looked when he left Head Start on Friday, after saying goodbye to the kids. Larry, Miss Debbie, and the rest of the class really left their mark on "Mr. Matt". Then again, ask Matt about Howard and Jim and everyone else he met and he'll be glad to talk about them too.

And then there's Rob, aka "Last Minute Man." Rob was added to our group only half an hour before our departure from Hamilton. Rob barely knew anyone just one week ago and now fears that the group will not remember him. I know how he feels when he says that he was nothing to these people last week and now, after all of what we've been through together, he should be. He fears about being forgotten by the people with whom he shared so much.

We all felt it as we dropped everyone off at their dorm rooms. We had our ups and downs along the way, but we learned a lot from this week and couldn't help but feel a small twing of loss as each person left the van. I can't say it was all a smooth ride, but I think things really did come together. With the support of the group, we all made it back, better off for having gone.

A little before 3 am we dropped off "Mr. Matt" who waved from his driveway, saying, "Thanks for the ride!" and happily holding his 5 lb bag of grits.

When the grits that we all got have been eaten and our temporary Southern accents fade, when we go back to doing that "Yankee tawk," I think there will still be a piece of Macon County in all of us. When all is said and done, we will hold some memories of our Alterantive Spring Break 1995- and I am sure they will be we wouldn't trade for all the gems in Franklin. If nothing else, we'll all remember the proper way to eat grits: "With two eggs over easy, all mixed together and salted." And maybe that is all that matters after all. All I know is that my time could not have been spent in a better way over the last week...

The members of 1995 Alternative Spring Break would like to thank all of our supporters for making all of our experiences possible.

Mind Matters: looking for a little respect? Try assertiveness

By Thomas Lavenir '97
PEER ADVISOR

It's 1:00 AM, you frantically crank out that last minute paper due in a few hours. "Why did I wait so long?" Oh well, if you just stay focused, you'll have enough time to finish. Suddenly, you hear that rap on your door. Your close friend, having just broken up with "Mr./Ms. Wonderful," needs a shoulder to cry on. You are the only person available, the only one who really understands. "I really need to talk with you, NOW."

Sound familiar? Many of us have been in this or similar situations. How do we respond? Most of us have had a friend come needing to talk as we frantically attempt to complete that major paper due the next day. Unaware of the approaching deadline, our friend may talk at great length. At that moment, we are too preoccupied to care about their life in shambles.

We'd like to tell our friend about our overwhelming workload and that we can't spend much time talking. The debate in our head goes something like... "this is my friend, I can't say put them off. He/she will think that I just don't care. I don't want to be rude. But, if I don't write this paper, I will probably fail the class. What should I do ?" Now we're not only not getting our paper done, but we're not really listening to our friend either. What do we do?

The solution is not easy. On one hand, we want to be available for our friends. Not doing the assignment might bring significant consequences. The solution we take depends on what we consider as more important in our life. When confronted with such a dilemma, many respond by listening half-heartedly while also silently scrambling to readjust the time frame available to complete the paper.

Let's think about our response. Being a shy person does not make the situation easy on us. If you're a kind hearted person who thinks that friendship is what life's about, you seem to pay a price. The reasons for not speaking up about your impending deadline could go on and on. No matter what the reason, there's a better choice than always giving in.

The answer can be found in the concept of assertiveness, a way of thinking and behaving where we respect our own rights while also respecting the rights of others. As Alberti and Emmons stress in their book, Your Perfect Right ,"Every individual is equal and has the same fundamental human rights as others in a relationship, regardless of roles and titles."

When acting assertively, we don't put ourselves above or below another in terms of importance. Both people are equally important. The authors go on to state... "assertive behavior promotes equality in human relationships, enabling us to act in our own best interests, to stand up for ourselves without undue anxiety, to express honest feelings comfortably, to exercise personal rights without denying the rights of others".

By ignoring our feelings and wishes for any given situation, frustration and anger may eventually develop. We are no longer tuned in to our friend. We aren't accomplishing our task. Nothing is really happening beside a slow building of tension and frustration. Our friend, unless absolutely oblivious, will recognize our half-hearted effort via our nonverbal body language. They may well feel hurt or rejected. Their needs aren't being met, our needs aren't being met. In other words, nothing good is being accomplished.

Talking about being assertive is one thing, doing something about it is another story. As a way of getting started, Alberti and Emmons suggest that you create your own Personal Growth Log to identify the situations, people, and issues that are particularly challenging to us.

The log, maintained each day, asks us to record the following categories : Situations/ Persons, Attitudes, Behaviors, Obstacles, and Notes including Progress/ Problems/ Comments/ Goals. Although the log will take some time, it offers the chance for us to examine our areas of vulnerability. We can develop targets for where we want to act differently.

As we identify the target situations, we can then ask ourselves, "What choices do I have for responding to this situation/person/issue." Identify how you would like to respond first if you were to be respectful of yourself. Given these choices, what would be respectful to the other? As we see what would work best for both, we must then challenge ourselves to act in a way that's different from our usual response.

Maybe we'll need to make small steps rather than taking on our major stumbling block first. Acting in a way that's different for you will take some getting used to. Expect some discomfort. However, when we can experience the sense of relief of not "having to" act in certain ways but rather giving ourselves a choice, we can enjoy a small sense of liberation. The act of being assertive can be quite freeing.

Acting assertively isn't easy, especially if you've always put the other ahead of yourself. But remember, you are just as deserving of attention and respect as anyone else. Give yourself a break.

Cat's Cook Corner

Quickie Cheese Puffs

This is the perfect pick-me-up for a study break snack. You can keep it on hand for when hungry friends stop by; the cheese mixture can be kept in the fridge for several days.

Ingrediants:
8 ounce package grated American cheese, or Velveeta cheese grated
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
1 very small onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
Salt and black pepper
1 loaf "party" rye or pumpernickle

1. Mix all the ingredients, except the bread, in a medium-size bowl. Set aside.
2. Tear a sheet of aluminum foil to fit your toaster oven, and arrange the slices of bread on it. Lightly toast both sides of the bread (one side at a time) in the toaster oven. Watch these closely, because it only takes a minute. (This is an important step, so that the bread will not become soggy.) Allow the bread to cool on the foil.
3. Place 1 heaping teaspoon of the cheese mixture on each slice of bread and spread evenly to the edges.
4. Broil the slices in the toaster oven for about 2 minutes, until the cheese is bubbly and just golden brown. Watch closely, since they burn easily. Serve immediately.

Serves 8 to 12

Just leave a note at Bristol on the third floor if you're interseted in writing something...
We'll Call Back...
The Features section of *The Spectator*.

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

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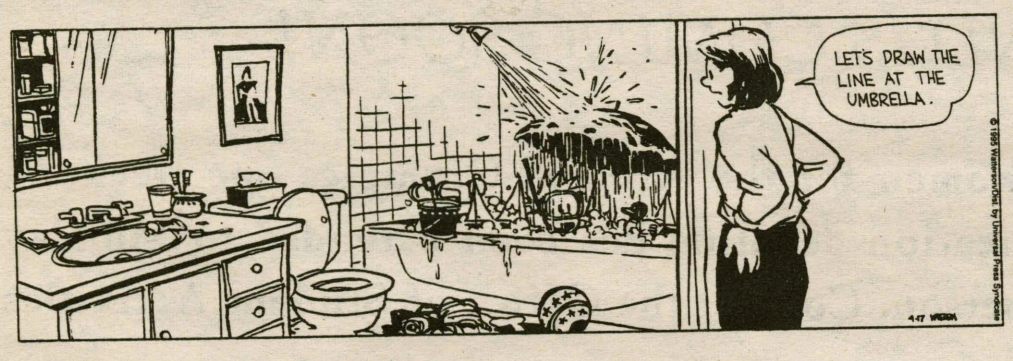

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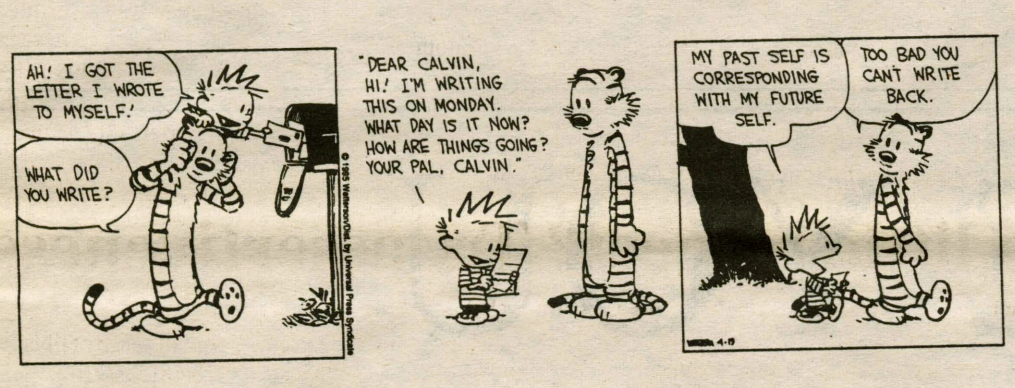
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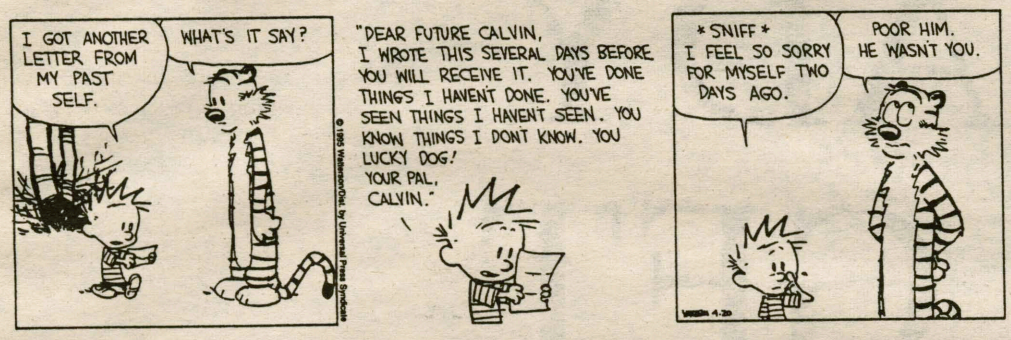
WHAT DID YOU WRITE?
"DEAR CALVIN, HI! I'M WRITING THIS ON MONDAY. WHAT DAY IS IT NOW? HOW ARE THINGS GOING? YOUR PAL, CALVIN."
MY PAST SELF IS CORRESPONDING WITH MY FUTURE SELF.
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T WRITE BACK.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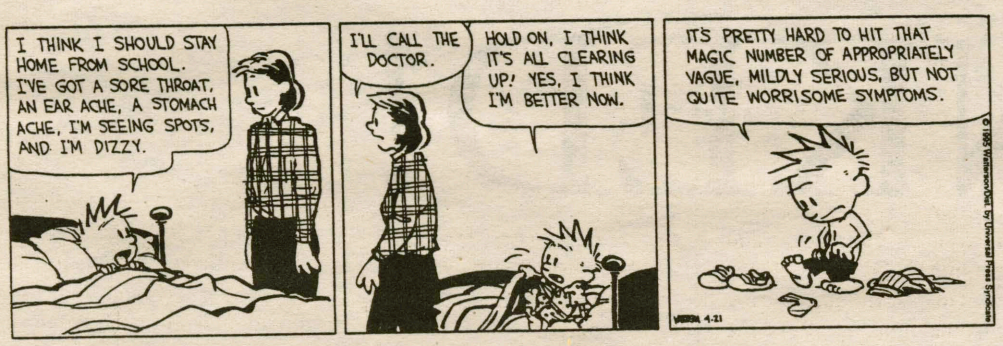
* SNIFF * I FEEL SO SORRY FOR MYSELF TWO DAYS AGO.
POOR HIM. HE WASN'T YOU.


I THINK I SHOULD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL. I'VE GOT A SORE THROAT, AN EAR ACHE, A STOMACH ACHE, I'M SEEING SPOTS, AND I'M DIZZY.
I'LL CALL THE DOCTOR.
HOLD ON, I THINK IT'S ALL CLEARING UP! YES, I THINK I'M BETTER NOW.
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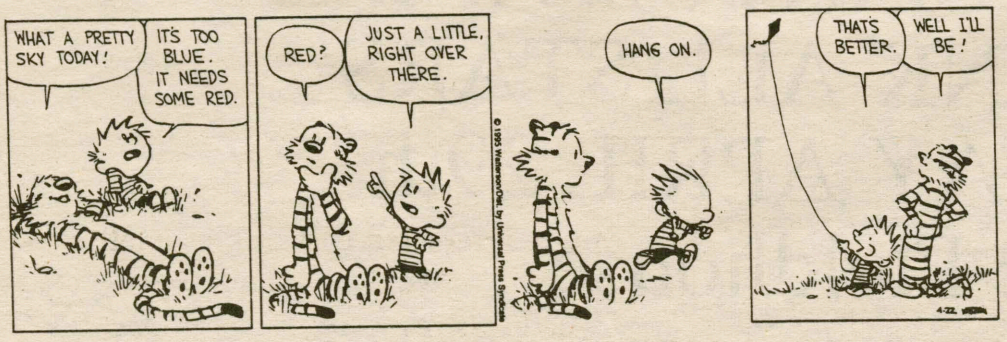

Quotable Quotes

By Joshua Ribner '97

"If I were a grandfather I'd unbutton my pants right now."
-Kim Waldner '97 while sprawled out on a booth in the diner after a chili dinner.

"Did your tongue stick to the ice?"
-Monica Redstone '97 to Jordan Franceschini '95 on his Antarctica kissing expedition.

"Well, I don't have to understand it, I just have to teach it."
-Professor Wheatley's declaration on what it takes to become a renowned professor at Hamilton.

"Noah = man…Mrs. Noah = woman"
-Professor Wheatley's biblical sex education class.

*******The Master and Margarita's bloopers*******
"We wait for a scream, turn the lights back on and search for naked women."
-Adam Chamberlain '95 on his duty as a spot light operator.

"Okay, I'm getting undressed now."
-Tracy Weller '97 warning everyone about her preparation for practice.

"They keep my babies warm."
-Anonymous senior cast member referring to her much sought after flannel bra.

"People may think it's just a bunch of naked people, I can't put this in *The Spectator*."
-Anonymous cast member pondering whether or not to give the above quotes to The Spectator.

"Did they show their IDs?"
-Andrew Edelson '97 after witnessing the protestors come through the fitness center.

Send all Quotables through campus mail to *The Spectator*

AL-HAM WEEKEND IS COMING SOON!

Register your team of six men and six women for the Al-Ham Olympics one weekend from today! Cash prize $500! The application deadline has been extended to Monday April 17th. Entry fee is $5 dollars per person. Contact the Office of Student Activities at x4194 for more information.

ARE YOU READY TO GET FUNKED!

GEORGE CLINTON AND
THE P-FUNK ALL STARS
SATURDAY APRIL 29th
in the Fieldhouse

Shopping until we drop: The extent of the world's binging

Peter Kelly

Growing Impact

A survey of students entering college in 1967 found that 44% believed that it was *essential* to "be very well off financially," while 83% believed that it was *essential* to "develop a meaningful philosophy of life." Last fall, when entering students filled out the same survey, those percentages were 74% and 43%, respectively. Even allowing for the ambiguity of the questions, the conclusion is inescapable: Young Americans have become significantly more materialistic over the last generation. We have been raising a nation of consumers. Sad to say, it seems perfectly natural to us that the word "consumer" has become nearly synonymous with the word "person."

We "consumers" are buying far too much for the Earth's sake and are extravagantly rich. "Extravagantly rich"—that's not the way we usually think of ourselves, yet we *are* in either global or historical terms. Compared to the Third World, the one-fifth of the world's people living in developed countries consume 19 times as much aluminum, 14 times as much paper, 10 times as much timber and energy, and 3 times as much fresh water per person. And we in the U.S. are consuming at a much higher rate than the average for developed countries. We are extravagant even in relation to our own parents and grandparents, most of whom probably considered themselves materially blessed. Since 1950, per capita, our car ownership has doubled, our driving has gone up by 150%, and our plastic use has increased by a factor of 21.

On Earth Day 1990, Sidney Quarrier, a typical member of the middle class in Connecticut, dared try to make a list of all of the material purchases he had made in the past 20 years. His list included 500 pounds of clothes, over a ton of appliances, the energy equivalent of 1,000 barrels of oil, and 2 tons of meat (which, if it were all relatively benign chicken, would be a row of chickens over 1/3 of a mile long). In addition to all of the above, his miscellaneous purchases would have filled half the volume of his house: imagine staggering over stuff piled halfway to the ceiling while you bend far down just to fit under the ceiling. And, looking at his list, one can tell that either Mr. Quarrier had lived quite modestly or else he omitted a lot of his purchases. (These totals don't even include his house itself, or the materials and energy he consumed when he was not in his house.)

OK, twenty years is a long time. Of course there would be a big pile. But consider this: To support the life-style of a single American for just one *day,* it takes 40 pounds of coal and oil, 29 pounds of minerals, 27 pounds of agricultural products, and 20 pounds of forest products. This doesn't even include water consumption, which is about two 55-gallon-drums-full at home and twenty-five drums-full totally, mostly through irrigation and machinery cooling.

As we move toward a heavier reliance on petrochemicals, mineral consumption is leveling off, but on an enormously high plateau. By weight, mining moves material at a rate 2 or 3 times greater than rivers transport naturally eroded sediment to the ocean. Since 1940, Americans have used up more minerals than the whole world did in all time before 1940!

Needless to say, our consumption binge is taking its toll on the environment.

Consider the impact of the car, the centerpiece and obsession of consumer culture. Fueling the world's cars requires 1/4 of world oil production. We Americans alone burn over 1 billion gallons of gasoline per week, accounting for 13% of global carbon-dioxide emissions. Cars require vast amounts of raw materials to manufacture and they also breed ugly and hollow urban sprawl. We'd be much better off with public transportation, but our public transportation is a disgrace by the standards of the developed world. Granted, our airline system is impressive, but that's the one kind of public transportation we *don't* want to encourage; jets use 40% more fuel than cars to move a passenger a given distance. U.S. airplane mileage has increased 25 times since 1950, mostly substituting for railroads, one of the least energy-intensive forms of transportation.

Our eating habits are also destructive—and I don't mean that 1/3 of us are overweight. You've probably heard the ad slogan: "Beef: It's what's for dinner!" Well, think again about that dinner. Five units of grain go into making one unit of beef. Producing a single pound of beef requires 360 gallons of water (most of which is used to irrigate feed grain) and the energy equivalent of a quart of gasoline for farm inputs. Not only do we eat high on the food chain, but we also eat high on a "transportation chain": The average American food item has been transported more than 1,200 miles! To grow and get our food to the table, the U.S. food industry and households use 17% of all U.S. energy. This amounts to 10 times more energy than we get as calories.

The sheer multitude of goods is now staggering. As we became rich, we began to consume not just more, but also *more damaging* products. Our current life-style depends on enormous inputs of energy, chemicals, metals, and paper. Those four industries are all in the top five U.S. industries for energy-intensity and toxic-chemical release.

How did we get into this mess? Paradoxically, we are victims of our own success. Back in 1960, Victor Lebow, a retailing analyst, openly admitted what the true goal of our economic policy was. He declared that, in order to consume the goods produced by our enormously productive economy, we would have to make consumption our whole way of life. We would actually have to derive our spiritual satisfaction and self-importance from goods. In the thirty-five years since this depressing pronouncement, massive changes in retailing, advertising, credit, and holiday celebrations have indeed combined to turn us into a nation of shoppers.

Next time you go to Sangertown, pay attention to your surroundings. Everything from the Muzak to the displays is cunningly designed to promote impulse buying and to virtually eliminate rational choice and self-discipline. As shopping malls and superstores expand and centralize, they draw strangers from afar, creating a carefree atmosphere, away from the social pressures of neighbors or traditional institutions. Buying becomes an end in itself, a self-indulgent entertainment free of all restraints. There's nothing wrong with an occasional splurge, but when splurging becomes a way of life, we are in serious trouble. Americans now spend 6 hours per week shopping, more than Russians did in the late 1980s when their endless lines at stores got world attention.

We live surrounded by ads. U.S. advertisers are now spending $500 per year per American, up from $200 in 1950 (adjusted for inflation). *Business Week* estimates we're bombarded by 3,000 messages per day. In this barrage, we actually remember few individual ads. Yet ads are damaging even if they don't sell their particular product, because they promote the culture of shopping by grinding in the idea that products can solve all of a person's problems.

Ads that flash by on TV are the worst. They are the most likely to create a dreamlike state by associating products with images of eternal youth, happiness, success, security, and love. These images are conveyed by everything from attractive people and scenes, to background music and girls singing almost subliminal messages like "It's your heart's and soul's desire." (I actually heard that myself on a camcorder commercial!) Young Americans sit through 3 hours of TV commercials a week, or 360,000 TV ads before entering college. Could even an adult's brain survive that many ads?

Our love affair with credit cards only makes things worse. These innocent-looking pieces of plastic commonly put $10,000 (or more) of credit into our pockets, and create the illusion that buying has no consequences. Never before has the abstraction of money allowed us to spend so much money we don't have. Of the $1 trillion per year we spend with credit cards, 30% is money we don't have. We now buy more with credit cards than with either checks or cash. In 1965, a man used a credit card for all of his purchases, as a publicity stunt. Now, *not* using a credit card would almost be a publicity stunt. A 1979 *New York Times* article summarized the changing feelings toward buying with credit: The advice "Never buy what you can't afford" has changed to "You can't afford not to buy it." In an era of high inflation (like the late 1970s), the latter advice might make some sense. The problem is that credit cards have given us a *permanent* high-inflation mentality. Don't be misled by the come-ons of companies that give a few cents to environmental causes when you use their credit cards. These tiny donations can't come close to compensating for the damage done by the cards' promotion of consumption.

I don't want to sound like Scrooge, but the truth is that Christmas has become a big part of the overconsumption problem. So important is holiday buying that if it weren't for Christmas, many stores would go out of business. We all know that a good portion of the gifts we give are unwanted and would not be bought by the person they are given to. If we really believed that it's the thought that counts, then we'd give modest gifts, send a personalized card, or spend time together at Christmas. Though nothing yet compares with Christmas, virtually all other holidays are corrupted by commercialization, which overwhelms their traditional or religious significance. Labor Day and Presidents' Day are now mostly excuses for car and furniture sales, and even Easter, for many, requires trips to the mall.

But has shopping 'til we drop made us happy? My next article will discuss how the consumer culture has actually impoverished our lives.

Tinder Box explains ITS's decision to use WriteNow

Tinder Box

Todd Moore

The new and improved *wooden* Tinder Box is now in the Mail Center and ready for your assault. Tim Jackson lovingly hand-crafted this magnificent piece of our public forum to serve your needs—so use it!

One recent submission to the Tinder Box begins: "Why does the Computer Center use WriteNow instead of MicroSoft Word, which is a far superior program?" The author went on to say that although Word may be harder to learn initially, its great features pay off; additionally, knowledge of Word is a skill "valued by many employers."

To begin with, I ought to mention that someone has already submitted this question to the Computer Center question box, and Frank Price has given the response of Information Technology Services. For those of you who would rather read the answer here, I will offer what I learned from Frank Price's report and two articles which I read in the March issue of MacWorld.

If our goal is to find the best possible word processing application for use in the Computer Center, then we are well served by dividing all word processors on the market into two groups. One group contains the high end powerhouses such as MicroSoft Word and WordPerfect, while the other group consists of lean applications such as WriteNow and MacWrite Pro.

The following quote, from an article comparing three high-end products, pretty much sums them up: "Today's high-end word processors are among the most complex software products that you'll encounter—unless, perhaps, you do maintenance on the space shuttle or print bar codes on envelopes. Just think of the power of being able to drop a letter in the mail with no external writing on it! (That's a joke!)

The down side to all that power is that Word version 6 is expensive ($150 book store price), a memory hog (3 MB of RAM, and from 4 to 25 MB of disk), and slow. In fact, "The bottom line is that if you have a fast 68040 machine or a Power Mac, Word 6 is the best all-around choice; for all the millions of slower Macs in use today [e.g., in the Computer Center], Word 6 is slow—too slow for all but the supremely patient." (p. 113)

On the other hand, "WriteNow is a pure writing machine, designed for speed and efficiency." (p. 118) How can you not be convinced by such catchy language? But seriously, WriteNow costs only $50 bookstore price and takes up less than 600 kB both on disk and in memory. ITS has purchased nearly one hundred copies of WriteNow because it is easier to use, easier to support, it costs less money and computing power, and it offers most of the features that most people need.

If you find that WriteNow is inadequate for your needs, however, the people at Information Technology Services are plenty willing to help. Take a look at what Frank Price has to say: "If you find that there is something that you can't do with WriteNow, or that seems to be awkward, come see me and I'll try to help you out." What more could one ask?

I must add that the author of this week's question complained that WriteNow was inadequate because its Thesaurus "lacks such simple words as 'red', 'blue', and other words...." I must beg to differ. Upon experimentation, I found the following synonyms of "red": communist, Bolshevik, and comrade. Again, what more could one ask?

EDITORIAL

A constructive course of action?

Angry members of Hamilton's fraternities and sororities voiced their opinions of the recently released results of the Residential Life Survey yesterday, when more than two hundred of their members and other supporters staged a lunchtime rally and march across campus.

Their message was simple. They feel as though their interests and concerns were neglected in the Residential Life Study and now they want to be heard. They acted to protect these interests. Unfortunately, there were a few ugly instances when the march ended, as the protesters congregated in the fitness center where President Tobin, along with the heads of Communications and Development and the Admission Office were working out. A small number of protesters shouted obscenities, while the rest of the crowd continued to chant, "Hell no, we won't go!" and other slogans, denying Tobin the chance to address the crowd.

The crowd dispersed after ten minutes, chanting the vaguely threatening refrain, "If our house goes, your house goes." Remarks like these are unwarranted and unacceptable in any setting, but especially in a small community like Hamilton College, where most people know each other and there are numerous other means of expressing view points, short of shouting threats. In addition, some protesters carried beer bottles throughout the march, while others were seen attempting to tear down a lamp post. Conduct like this is counterproductive and only enhances the negative stereotypes some people have of private societies.

Prior to the march, the protest organizers distributed a document to the entire Hamilton Community entitled, "A Better Hamilton, An Alternate Proposal to the Report of the Committee on Residential Life." It was constructive, offering a critique of the various recommendations created by the Board of Trustees. It praised many of them while offering harsh criticism for the decision to abolish private housing for fraternities. Clearly, considerable time and effort went into the creation of this alternative proposal and it deserves to be taken seriously.

Realistically, however, most students on this campus realize that there is little chance that the Board of Trustees will reconsider the basic principles behind its recommendations. *The Spectator* continues to support these recommendations as a wise set of policies for Hamilton's future. Yet, there remains much work to be done in the implementation process of the Residential Life Study recommendations. Already, more than two hundred students have expressed interest in joining committees to help with the implementation and work out many of the details which will affect the lives of every student on this campus.

The actions of the protesters yesterday are understandable. Change is never easy. It nevertheless remains in the best interest of everyone on this campus to work together to achieve the best possible outcome for everyone.

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... YES, THEY DID SURROUND HIM IN THE FITNESS CENTER... NO, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF THEY DID NOT PAINT "RES.LIFE SUCKS" ON HIS BALD SPOT... NO, THEY DID NOT "PANTS" HIM EITHER...
... NO, THEY DID NOT HOOK-UP AFTER THE PARTY, WOW THIS IS HOW RUMORS GET STARTED, THEY HOOKED-UP AT THE PARTY.
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Letters to the Editor

Chalking obscenities does not help 'Celebrate Sexuality'

To the editor:

First of all, I have nothing at all against homo/bisexuality. If someone has earned my friendship, I could care less about their sexual orientation. I feel it's important for people to be exposed to differing viewpoints and to question their ideals, whether liberal or conservative. Hence, I support Hamilton's "Celebrate Sexuality Week," and the speakers and films which are a part of it. I think the parades through the meal halls help people realize the size of Hamilton's gay community and allow those questioning their sexuality to feel more comfortable. But when people start defacing the school I pay to attend with tasteless, tacky graffiti, I get upset. (I'm referring to the students who chalked the entire walkway from McEwen to the library this past Wednesday.)

We are currently hosting many prospective students and, for Hamilton's future, it's imperative we make a good impression on them. Undoubtedly those here now must be wondering how much we students care about our campus. In addition, if I saw these phrases all over the campus when I was a prospective, I wouldn't have come here. Many juniors and seniors in high school tend to be intolerant of different ideas—I know I was. After meeting a variety of people here, however, I changed my views drastically. The point is that there's no reason to do anything which will deter promising students from attending Hamilton. I'm sure this wasn't the intention of the responsible party, but from chatting with some of the perspectives, I know it was a by-product of their actions. If someone would like to inform visitors that there is an active gay community on campus then put up posters, or talk to them directly. Don't deface the campus with vulgarities. Yes, homophobia needs to be addressed at Hamilton, but writing explicit references to oral sex in front of Root Hall is simply tasteless. It would not be tolerated coming from the heterosexual community and likewise it should not be tolerated from the gay community.

The "chalkers" have done little for the cause of Hamilton's gay students. They have not helped others sympathize with them, rather they have angered a large portion of the student body. The best way to influence people is by getting to know them one on one. There are three types of people on this campus: those who are too stubborn to ever change their minds, those who can be influenced by more subtle methods, and the remainder of the student body which accepts and supports the gay community. Scribbling all over our beautiful campus only serves to offend all three groups.

Brian Sahler '97

ELS *does* live up to its ideals

To the editor:

As three "out of house" members of the Emerson Literary Society, we would like to respond to a letter concerning ELS which was published in last week's Op-Ed section. We strongly disagree with Tim O'Brien's accusation that ELS doesn't put its nonselective ideals into practice. We understand that it is hard for members not living in the house to stay informed of all the happenings in the society. We personally keep up with what is going on by regularly attending the 10:00 PM meetings on Monday nights, which are open to anyone who is interested in ELS. We don't see how ELS can be accused of selectivity when all one has to do to become a member is attend three of these meetings.

As far as feeling welcome in the house is concerned, we feel very comfortable spending time at ELS because we have taken the initiative and spent time getting to know the members who live there. We don't see the house as a physical barrier between the society and the rest of the community, rather we see it as one option among several available options for social space, to be used or not as we choose. Not all our friends are ELS members or associates. ELS does not dominate our lives.

As we are angered and hurt by Tim's portrayal of ELS, we would like to make clear our belief that ELS is what you make of it. We believe that involvement in ELS activities depends on the individual and how he/she decides to approach his/her membership. ELS is not a group of best friends, but a group of individuals who have many diverse interests and personalities. Nobody gets "shut out" unless he/she shut him/herself out.

Lynn Spelia '98
Elizabeth Brooks '98
Vanda Mikova '98

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeals Board member responds to criticism of J-Board

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Bill Russell's half-baked article, "Hamilton's J-Board Farce: A Kangaroo Court." Unlike Mr. Russell's article this letter will not be in utopian, Orwellian, or "Singaporesque" terms. Instead, this letter will point out the flaws and fallacies strewn throughout Russell's article. Furthermore, this letter will attempt to clarify the grand inaccuracies put forth in Russell's condemnation of the judicial process at Hamilton.

Russell's attempt to castigate the policies of the Judicial Board, Appeals Board, and administration reflects either a blatant disregard for the facts or a simple lack of knowledge about how the J-Board and Appeals board actually work. For argument's sake, I'll assume that Bill simply lacks this knowledge and is working in ignorance of the facts.

Mr. Russell first proves to be ignorant when he claims that the J-Board does not consider precedent cases when hearing a case. Instead, as he asserts: "J-Board members go into deliberation armed only with their own subjective views of what 'justice' should be." In reality, the J-Board spends hours deliberating on cases and considering precedents in order to determine how to best "uphold community standards and insure the protection of the student's rights..." (*On the Hill*, p.82).

Contrary to what Mr. Russell believes, each case is considered with the highest objectivity and each decision is firmly grounded in precedent and in the guidelines established in *On the Hill*. It is appalling to think that someone who has spent so many thankless hours working in student government could so willingly discredit the great efforts and abilities of the students working on the J-Board.

Mr. Russell also shows his lack of knowledge when he inaccurately portrays the role of Jeff Landry in the J-Board process. Mr. Landry, as Russell points out, is the coordinator of the J-Board. His job is to ensure that the proceedings leading up to and during the J-Board hearing are fair and in accordance with the guidelines set up in *On the Hill*.

However, Mr. Russell also states falsely that Mr. Landry is the "lawyer" or "prosecutor" for the college. In reality, Pat Ingalls (the head of security), not Jeff Landry, serves as the "prosecutor." In sticking with Russell's O.J. Simpson analogy, Russell's mistake would be the equivalent of mistaking Judge Ito for Assistant District Attorney Marcia Clark—the former decides what is admissible according to the law, the latter prosecutes the accused.

For the record (clarifying Mr. Russell's inaccuracy), Mr. Landry is not a prosecutor, nor does he get to vote on the outcome of the trial. Mr. Landry simply sets up the hearing and makes sure that the people involved in the hearing (accused, prosecutor, and J-Board members) all work in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in *On the Hill*.

Besides Mr. Russell's ignorance regarding J-Board procedure and the role of Mr. Landry, there are other glaring flaws in his argument. One such flaw that undermines the validity of Mr. Russell's argument is his belief that having 3 professors and "only 2 students" on the Appeals Board makes the appeals process a "farce." Russell believes that professors are "in no way peers... [nor] a part of the student community." He further reasons that because of this, professors cannot "judge the students as peers," and are totally detached from the plight of students.

The problem with Russell's reasoning is twofold. First, the purpose of the Appeals Board is not to retry the case of the J-Board. The Appeals Board does not pass judgment on the student. Rather, it determines whether the student had a fair J-Board hearing. Unlike Mr. Russell's snap judgments, the final decision of the Appeals Board reflects hours of work and consideration for details (usually regarding precedents and procedures).

The other problem with Russell's argument is his belief that faculty members "have no ability to judge these students as peers." In saying this Russell not only discredits the knowledge and experience of members of the faculty, but he also says in effect that faculty members are not truly a part of the Hamilton community. Regardless of what Mr. Russell would like to believe, both faculty and students are a part of the Hamilton community.

The final piece of inaccuracy that undermines Mr. Russell's argument is his choice to make the ludicrous comparison between the Glen Party incident with the expulsion of TDX. The inanity of this final comparison underscores the convoluted inaccuracy present throughout Mr. Russell's article.

To use Mr. Russell's own words, "I am disgusted by the lack of fairness and professionalism" that went into writing Mr. Russell's article. Not only did Mr. Russell lack the knowledge to support his tirade, but he also had the gall to believe that by discrediting the system, he wouldn't also be discrediting the students and faculty who have spent hours making the system work.

Justin J. Harberson '96
Appeals Board

Russell calls for more mature debate, not personal attacks

To the Editor:

I recently wrote an article in the Spectator criticizing the judicial process at Hamilton College. It is to be expected that whenever someone criticizes an institutionalized system, there will be rebuttals, usually from within the system itself. I fully expected Todd Moore's letter in last week's Spectator. I enjoyed speaking with Todd about our views on the Judicial System, and in short, we agree to disagree in these various arguments. (And we have strong disagreements). However, when I read Justin Harbersen's article this week, the line of decency and mature debate had been crossed. Having gotten a copy of it, all I can say is that it is a cowardly attack on me as a person, and has simply little constructive content.

First, let me say that both Todd and Justin correctly point out that I was mistaken in my first article concerning Jeff Landry's role. Without any more explanation, I will concede this point. Any faults in my argument end there.

Contrary to Justin's implications, a great deal of research (including interviews with people inside the judicial system) went into my article. Though Justin would have you believe that our Judicial System does indeed work on a precedent basis, the Chair of J-Board and I agree that the only way precedents are used is through J-Board members' memories of previous cases. This is not a rational precedent system. In fact, during the trial, no record of precedent cases are even in the building. Period.

The rest of Justin's argument concentrates on incorrectly attacking minor points in my article, ignoring the major points, and addressing arguments I never made. Interspersed in this useless rhetoric are attacks on my professionalism and, I feel, on my intelligence. There is a vast difference between criticizing a system and attacking an individual in the press.

Enough. I am sick of this letter writing. The fact is that Justin, Todd and I disagree on several points about the judicial system at Hamilton College. Don't take their points as truth simply because they are part of the system which I believe needs to be fixed. I strongly encourage concerned students to contact us further if they have any more questions. Hopefully, we can continue this debate on a more mature level.

Finally, I would like to thank the numerous people—students, faculty, administrators, members of the J-Board—who have contacted me and said I am right on the money in my argument.

Bill Russell '95

Fraternity member rebukes derogatory statements

To the editor:

The purpose of my letter is to express my offense at Mr. Art Jewett's comments in the March 22, 1995 issue of *The Clinton Courier*. In the article titled "College's plan for Rogers Estate comes under fire", he states that students selected to live in the Rogers Estate "would be hand-selected students—students who we can trust who will not raise hell—not fraternity types." While he fails to define what he means by fraternity types, his clear implication is that students who are fraternity members raise hell and therefore cannot be trusted to live in a selective college residence.

As a member of a fraternity, I find his position to be extremely stereotypical and close-minded, and am appalled that Hamilton College considers his views acceptable. While the College's intention to force fraternity members to live in campus housing is certainly distressing, I do not see evidence on the College's part of the blatant condemnation of fraternity members which he promotes. In his role as spokesperson for the College, I am surprised at his stunning lack of judgment.

On a more personal level, I doubt that he knows all the fraternity brothers whom he condemns as untrustworthy. Many influential members of the Hamilton College community are, in fact, fraternity brothers, and have proven themselves trustworthy of many things, including living in the Rogers Estate. Fraternity brothers are involved in many activities on this campus- to narrow them down to simply "raising hell", which his statement does, is ridiculous. If he took the time to see the positive impact made by fraternity members on this campus, his views would change significantly. Mr. Jewett's failure to recognize the roles that we "fraternity-types" play in the Hamilton Community, and his subsequent typification of fraternity members, is simply intolerable.

Alan L. MacCracken, III '96

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6. No anonymously signed letters will be printed.

THE ANSWER BOX

This week's imponderable question: what in the world is that little cinder-block building between Dunham and the Career Center?

At first I thought that I was the only person on campus who wondered about that shack. The more people I asked about it, however, the deeper the mystery became. Finally, taking the bull by the horns, I stopped by the Office of Campus Safety, whose inhabitants are neighbors of the enigma. Pat Ingalls was good enough to satisfy my curiosity: the cinder-block shack houses some sort of power transformer. Built sometime since the chartering of the school, the power company maintains the one-room structure.

Do *you* have an imponderable question? Drop it in the Tinder Box.

Class of '98 Apologizes

The class of '98 would like to apologize to the college community and Mission Impossible for cancelling the concert last week so abruptly. We are working hard to schedule a substitute event.

Ben Mintz '98

A letter to the Hamilton homosexual community

Dear Faggots...

I hope I do not offend you by my choice of greeting, but judging by your recent "chalkings" throughout the campus, I can see that you've been exposed to, if not taken a liking to, far more offensive and graphic words. At the risk of violating the social stigma attached to the whole concept of homophobia, I am writing because I feel the philosophical counter-argument to your movement should also be presented.

In the interest of time, I will not argue with respect to the morality or legality of homosexuality. I personally agree completely that everyone has the right to be homosexual, or, more importantly, that I am not in the position of such superior intelligence that I may decide for anyone else what they can and cannot do. But although I agree subjectively with the hypothesis that homophobia is wrong, I cannot concede that this conclusion is a priori true, i.e., that there is necessarily anything intrinsically valid in that hypothesis. (This, incidentally, would discredit the current supposition that homophobia is intrinsically wrong). However, I empathize with close friends of mine who have related stories concerning incredible prejudices and obstacles that they have experienced in the "real world"- prejudices far greater and destructive than can be found here in Clinton. Thus for the sake of argument, I will assume that homophobia is morally wrong and will not examine here some truly interesting questions such as, "If your 'mom is a dyke' and your 'dad is a fag', then what are you doing here?" and will not bring under examination the end to which you strive.

What I fail to grasp, however, is the morality of your means. I must say that I am disappointed by your apparent disrespect for our country in your demonstrations this week. Maybe I am being idealistically patriotic, but I took great offense when the American flag was defaced by converting the stripes into a rainbow. It is even more disheartening to hear the occasional, "why does it bother you so much, it's pretty." It bothers me that we have been so far removed from protecting the American flag that we take it for granted. It is ironic that the amazing extent of our freedom can be best demonstrated by our legal right to denigrate it. The flag has been defended and has earned its place as an icon through centuries of war and patriotism. It is not the place of any students at Hamilton College to adopt that icon as its own. It may be legal, as demonstrated by the "flag burnings" a couple of years ago, but it is shameless and morally reprehensible. And it is tragic that we have been so inundated that we have become desensitized and apathetic.

Where do you draw the line? Is there a most perfectly shocking iconoclast? If the pink triangles from the Nazi death camps and the American flag are not powerful enough, will you then move on to religious icons, perhaps a rainbow crucifix? If you argue that you are not defacing the American flag, would you similarly argue, theoretically, of course, that this would not be considered a defacement of the crucifix.

When people object to the "chalkings" or the "kiss-ins," some of them object purely from homophobia. But part of the objection is completely divorced from the issue of homosexuality. The phrases written in chalk were offensive and inappropriate in any context. But at least you didn't write about anything that might really offend the Hamilton community- like black sex dolls- or else the administration might be forced to notice all that chalk.

If every morning we awoke to the big green squares of the "Legalize Marijuana" movement, little green signs on our doorknobs and hundreds of slogans written everywhere on campus concerning marijuana and our genitals, there would come a point when even the most rights-conscious marijuana supporters would say "enough." The overexposure to any movement results in dissuasion from the movement.

I would like to make one more humble suggestion for the movement in general. In your continual strive to be iconoclastic, please make clear the intent of your actions. I have failed on various occasions to understand your objectives. Last year, for example, when you published two issues of the Daily Bull, one depicting the anatomical musculature surrounding the vagina and the other showing the close-ups of about twenty insect penises, I wondered how this could help me further understand and respect your movement. (If this lunchtime treat was the brainchild of a different movement, perhaps "Insect Penis Lovers Anonymous," then please disregard my example.)

Finally, although offending, shocking, or disgusting people is sometimes a necessary evil in order to gain a more important end, the ability to offend and disgust should not be a weapon to force all those opposed into submission. If it is, then there is surely something out there that can offend everybody. I can only hope that intellectual persuasion is the only force used and that, in furthering your own movement, you do not step on those of us that agree with you.

Jeff Cacossa '97

Student blames colleagues, not Res-Life, for wanting to transfer

To the editor:

This letter will not attempt to either condemn or defend the residential life decision. The issue I take is with the manner in which many students are reacting to the decision, specifically today's organized protest and the vandalism (attempted destruction?) of the Alexander Hamilton statue. Today's events were truly an embarrassing display, and a discredit to this institution. They began, as I understand, at around noon, with a march across campus. Presumably, the idea behind such a move would be to offer intelligent arguments against the decision (which, incidentally, are obviously futile at this point). The only discernible slogans being chanted as the procession made its way past my room overlooking the north quad were "Let's Kill Tobin," "F--- Hamilton," and the old standard favorite "Tobin [repeated thrice]—you suck." These are brilliant words. They utterly fail to capture the issue, and are instead acts of misdirected aggression and frustration. Unless I am mistaken, I understand that the procession was headed past my room with the dubious objective of finding President Tobin in the fitness center and harassing him as he attempted to exercise. This act reveals an utter lack of class, decorum, or human decency on the part of a large group claiming to represent the student body of Hamilton. Do the students of Hamilton really wish to single out an individual whom they themselves term a 'puppet,' hold him accountable for a decision which has been brewing since long before I entered Hamilton, and make this campus, his home, a place where he can not feel comfortable? I, for one, hold no such agenda in mind.

The day continued with a demonstration on the north quad which, for me, perfectly encapsulates the depths to which this campus has sunk. The least criminal aspect of this demonstration was its lack of originality. Less than a month ago, Caroline Thomas '95 presented her senior project, a researched examination of the protest staged years ago on this campus concerning Hamilton's dealings with corporations investing in South Africa. The students and faculty members involved in this protest erected shanties in front of Bristol [then] Campus Center. The choice of shanties as a means of protest were by no means arbitrary, but were instead specific references to the shantytowns and ghettos in which black South Africans were made to live. The use of shanties as a means of protesting the loss of fraternity housing (I think we are all in agreement that the latter is a comparatively trivial issue) revealed a shocking lack of taste by the rally's organizers, as well as a failure by the Hamilton community to recognize what is truly important, and what is not. The use of shanties in this context cheapens not only Caroline's work and the actions of the students and faculty members in the original protest, but also a major international political issue.

My sense of irony was struck by the choice, probably intentional, of one of the musical selections which were being piped onto the quad as the shanties were being erected: that of Pink Floyd's "Another Brick In The Wall, part Two," featuring the lyric "...we don't need no education..." It was in many ways a perfect selection, because it captured so well the decline of the intellectual atmosphere in mainstream life on this campus that the Res. Life decision is attempting to slow. This issue was the central reason a friend of mine decided to transfer to the University of Wisconsin last year. He spent many hours, while still here, trying to convince me of the extent of this decline. Today I wish I'd listened more closely. Here I must echo Mark Lilienthal '97's letter of early March, in stating that I was under the impression that what we, or our parents, are scraping together nearly thirty thousand dollars a year for was to learn. These protests would suggest otherwise.

Finally, the felling of the statue. I could not possibly say enough about that incident, so perhaps I will settle for saying almost nothing. Suffice to say it accomplished nothing, offends my appreciation of history, and was merely another misdirected, senseless act. I strongly discourage any further acts of aggression against historical buildings such as the Kirkland Cottage, the Chapel, or the Admissions Office, formerly the Elihu Root house. I am preoccupied by very dark thoughts tonight. Never before have I less wanted to be a part of this college.

Ian T. Murphy '96

There are many issues of concern to you as a Hamilton Student and world resident...

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Chechnya
Human rights
Private Societies
The death penalty
Budget cuts
The economy
Bill Clinton
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Cable TV
The parking policy
Multiculturalism
Abortion
Marxism
The Christian right

You get the picture...

Write to *The Spectator!*

Steve the Roma's guy thanks his supporters

Dear Students,

I am the person who has been delivering Roma's Pizza to Hamilton College for years. My wife just told me about the write-up that was in *The Spectator* last week in favor of me. It's nice to know that you trust me, and know me enough to publicize it.

I am accused of burglary in the second degree, a charge which carries a maximum of 15 years in prison. I allegedly walked through a dorm very late, and left. Nothing is missing, and I'm in jail! I personally believe this will eventually resolve itself because justice is blind.

I have worked for Roma's for seven years, enjoyed the job and the people with whom it put me in contact. I have never stolen nor been accused of stealing before. As for this particular incident nothing was missing from the lounge in question anyway.

If I may be so bold as to ask a favor of the people who believe in me. Write a letter to my attorney! One that is true and sincere. I do need help, because the charge is very severe. Anyone who believes in me enough to write my lawyer, and just say anything about me that is true would truly help me out.

If you do write a letter on my behalf, address the letter to the following: Frank Nebush Jr. / Oneida County Public Defender / Oneida County Court House / Utica, NY 13501.

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art-icle pick

By David Townsend '97
a&e editor

"Does this mean I have to start hanging out at Cafe Opus?" asked Mike Mosier when approached to do this article. "I'm not sure what the real artists on campus will think of me being art-icle pick."

It's hard to believe that after playing guitar, mandolin, and studying violin in Moscow, Mike doesn't consider himself a real artist. "Well..., I guess that everyone that enjoys art is an artist. Their perceptions and interpretations are a creative process. The 'artist' and the appreciator both create art, they just have different roles and purposes within the process. I think we often place too much emphasis on the performer, in fact, I think it is more important artistically to be a good listener."

Last summer, Mosier traveled to Moscow to study the violin, an instrument he had always wanted to learn, but had never before had the chance. He stayed with his brother and took lessons with a teacher from the Moscow Conservatory. The teacher spoke no english and Mosier spoke no russian, but the method of teaching did not require much verbal interaction. Often, the teacher would play, and would then signal for Mosier to imitate hand positions and sound. "Motor skills seem to come naturally after you listen to things and know what you want to hear yourself play." While Mosier claims he is still very much a beginner, his experience in Moscow, he says, taught him a great deal.

Mosier came to Russia in the first place because of his fascination with the country's art. He felt he saw a genuine passion and power reflected in the art of a people that have been continuously oppressed through history. By spending his summer in the country he felt another, different type of oppression settling in. Capitalism, he feels, is slowly invading the country and robbing Russia of much of it's socialist heritage. As a taxi driver told Mosier, "The only difference between socialism and capitalism is that the rich are now richer, and the poor are without welfare."

The only thing matching Mosier's joy for bashing capitalism is his love for music.

"My interest in music has become a reaction to philosophy. I play music as a way to participate in life rather than talking about it and trying to posit meaning." While the music Mosier has played on the violin has been mostly classical, his real interest lies in Indian and Middle Eastern music. "This type of music is interesting to me because of it's connection to religion. It's creators realized that trying to put the ineffability of experience in logical linguistic structures is a futile activity. They interact with the divine by going beyond syntax. Truly sublime music leaves 'meaning' wholly abstract, and life - in it's interesting moments - is wholly abstract."

Balinese bewilderment

By Barry Altburg '97
a&e contributor

This past Tuesday night, the "Lili Muni" of the Eastman School of Music's Gamelan Anklung performed at Hamilton. If you missed it, you missed quite an experience, but if you were lucky enough to attend, you might have been as disoriented and bewildered by the set up as I was. A gamelan ensemble consists of percussion instruments, such as the gong, "suling" (a type of flute), drum, and "rebab" (a string instrument). Most instruments are made of bronze or metal and are considered to contain magical powers. The Balinese style of music is cyclic and has a shimmering quality to it. Sitting in your seats, you could almost feel this power as it resonated out. The instruments are usually set up in the four cardinal directions with the drummer (the leader of the group) in the middle. The beautiful ornamentations and peculiar shapes of these instruments makes the stage look more like an Indonesian art show, than a musical performance. Each instrument has its own identity and is individually constructed with care. On the stage were reongs, which look like pots that you might find in your kitchen; jegogans; gangsas; churings; kendangs, a type of drum; a gong; and a kajar, which serves to keep the meter.

Once you get over the orchestra and unusual instruments and get into the music, you realize how amazing Balinese music is. There is no music sheets that they all are following, instead the music is learned visually and improvised as they go along. It seems easy to be able to play one of the instruments and keep the beat along with the others, but the workshop following the performance proved my theory wrong. Upon sitting behind one of these instruments, I was awestruck at how tiny it was and yet how much music could be generated from it. I sat behind a jegogan, which almost resembles an xylophone. This instrument is played with a pangul, which looks like a small wooden hammer. After each note is played, you then must pinch the key with one hand as your other hand hits the next key. This pinch-hit coordination was harder than I expected, as was trying to keep the beat that I was supposed to play while others around me played a different beat. These were not instruments that you would find in your kitchen! I left the performance excited that I was able to learn how to play these instruments and experience another culture's music. Music in Indonesia is thought to be happening all the time and when it is played is when it becomes audible. Therefore, the gamelan is a mystical orchestration. I will admit, I was certainly mystified!

Horoscopes from the Glorious

Madame Pizzica

(for the week of April 14-April 21)

FIRE

Aries (March 21-Apr.19)
Your celestial ruler, Mars, has started moving forward in the direction of Leo. This will guarantee you a solid working or romantic relationship with one of this sign.

Leo (July 23-Aug.22)
Pluto comes into contact with Libra this month so beware of any confrontations with people born between September 23rd and October 22nd. They could ruin your week.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21)
You may be feeling a little paranoid that you're being stalked by someone this week. Have no fear, it's probably just a Gemini who's looking for the right opportunity to ask you to go for a moonlit walk in the Glen.

EARTH

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
The full-moon eclipse on the 15th may cause you to act a little out of the ordinary. Warn your friends now, just in case they become the objects of your altered mood. Due to this event, try to stay indoors as much as possible.

Virgo (Aug.23-Sept.22)
Venus remains close to your sign this week so your love life is ready to take off. If you are already committed, take your relationship to a higher level.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)
This week is the time for you to acknowledge those who have been good to you lately. If you don't do this now, you are in for a lonely spring.

AIR

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You Geminis tend to sell yourselves short in many ways. Now is the time to get over this obstacle and not let anything stand in your way on the path to getting what you deserve.

Libra (Sept.23-Oct.22)
Mars is finally set in a direct motion so it is time to be social. Go visit your friends who you never see anymore because you've been too lazy to leave your room.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)
This is a tough time for you Aquarians because you may be feeling the need to make drastic changes in your life.

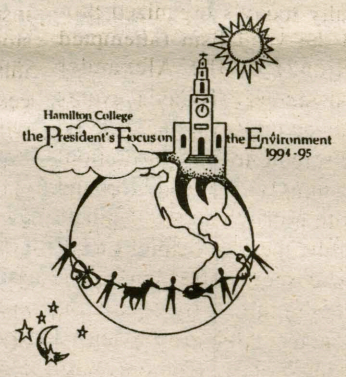
WATER

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
You need to get out more. Spend more time at Cafe Opus in between classes or take advantage of the plethora of extracurricular activities at Hamilton.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21)
The luck you've been having lately is going to run out soon. Keep a low profile this week because someone is out to get you.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20)
Pisceans are used to uncertainty so your disoriented planetary position shouldn't affect you this week.

Watch this space for your name. This week's t-shirt winners are: Timothy Booth ('98) and Brian Matthews ('97).
T-shirts will be available for sale at each event. Winners should pick up their shirts at the next event or from Prof. Hilke Kayser in K-J 250.



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Saturday, April 29

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Schedule:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Rogers Glen Cleanup. Get a free t-shirt!
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5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	BBQ on the fields!
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Hamilton Environmental Group

The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) meets every Thursday night at 7:00 in the Blue Pit in K-J. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about HEAG and the plans for Earthfest.

Think globally -Act locally

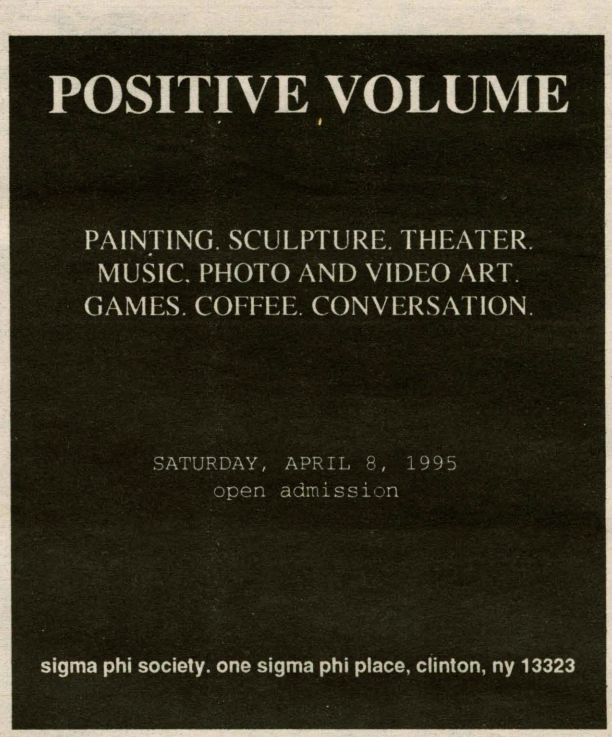
Sig goes public with weekend art show?

BY JAQUELINE FABIUS '95
A&E CONTRIBUTOR

This Saturday, April 15, 1995, from 3 to 6PM, Sigma Phi Society will be holding an open art installation, a.k.a. *Positive Volume*, exhibiting artwork by Hamilton students, presenting poetry readings and a few live music acts. Numerous people have been involved in organizing this event, and I took upon myself to interview Scott McLean'95, Matt Manges'97, and Ivan Isakov'95, for they seem to be the most worried about the success and the 'good times' at the art show.

J. What is this Positive Volume thing all about?
I. What do you mean by 'all about?' 'What message are we trying to convey? or 'What *is* Positive Volume?'
J. Both.
I. Well...what it is is what we hope it will be. Yet, inevitably, what it will be is what it will be, and we have relatively little control over that.
J. What?
S. [Compassionately] Thanks Ivy. What Ivy is saying is that there could a dichotomy between what we hope it will be and what it will be, because what it will be depends on attendance, and over that we have little control.
J. What do you hope it will be?
M. Um...an opportunity for a relaxing and stimulating afternoon—we hope. That should be its essence. I mean, there is the art exhibit side—we have some really good works by students here at Hamilton, and so, in that sense, it is a showing for them. But then there is the performance stage as well. There'll be live music, poetry, and a little bit of theatre. Then there's coffee, Randy's snacks, couches, games, great music on cd. This all makes for a potentially relaxing and entrancing Saturday afternoon.
J. Is there a special reason why you're doing this?
I. The idea behind this art installation is simply to have a chance to interact with people in a context not overly-determined by the school. We tend to forget that the four years we spend at Hamilton are, after all, four years of our lives. We should be in control of this time. I mean, we should be doing things we want to be doing. It's especially important now when Hamilton is trying to re-define the social space on campus. If we don't come up with creative ways to live these four years, next thing we know, our academic advisor, or, somebody from the business office, will be telling us what, when, and where. This is not to say that we are doing this to answer the political challenges of this campus. It's our friends showing their stuff. We just felt like doing it.
J. So it's not a political manifesto? Sig's not 'opening up?'
S. Uh. Don't worry about that Jacq. Although I agree that it's tough to separate politics from any realm of our lives, our intentions are not really political. How people perceive them might be different, though. What's important here is that there are lot's of really talented people here on campus—artists, performers, intellectuals, athletes, and so on—and any opportunities that we have to sit, or stand, and enjoy their abilities, should be cherished. We can enjoy them aesthetically, intellectually, or both—or however we want to enjoy them. Any opportunity to assemble such a show should be cherished—and that's what we're trying to do.
J. Without sounding obsequious, you're idea sounds really brilliant. It's inspiring when students take it upon themselves to create such opportunities for the entire campus.
I. Well, I don't think what we're doing is exactly brilliant-maybe the combined art, coffeehouse, open-mike thing rare—but there are lot's of other students doing creative things like this. Still, what students create for themselves and others should be limitless.
S. This type of thing should be happening every weekend.

I, S, and M(almost simultaneously). It's all good.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I thanked the guys for their time and left the Café feeling good, looking forward to checking out what should be a great time Saturday afternoon at Sig. They say you'll probably see flyers for the event around campus, but if not, I hope my article will prompt you to go. For logistics' sake, here's what's planned. Doors open at three, recorded music plays during this time. Live music/poetry goes on at 4 or 4:30 until it finishes. Expected closing at around 6:30. Displayed art by Bill Moulton, Jenn Mijangos, Catherine Haley, Starrett Zenko, Abbey Gardener, Ben Fox, Inga Larson, Scott McLean, Mary Sprague, Gentaro Asai, Nick Malafis, Mark Mijangos and more. Performances by Nick Malafis, Matt Sircely, Kamau Rucker, Jess Klein, Matt Manges, Matt Kane and more. They all hope to see you there.

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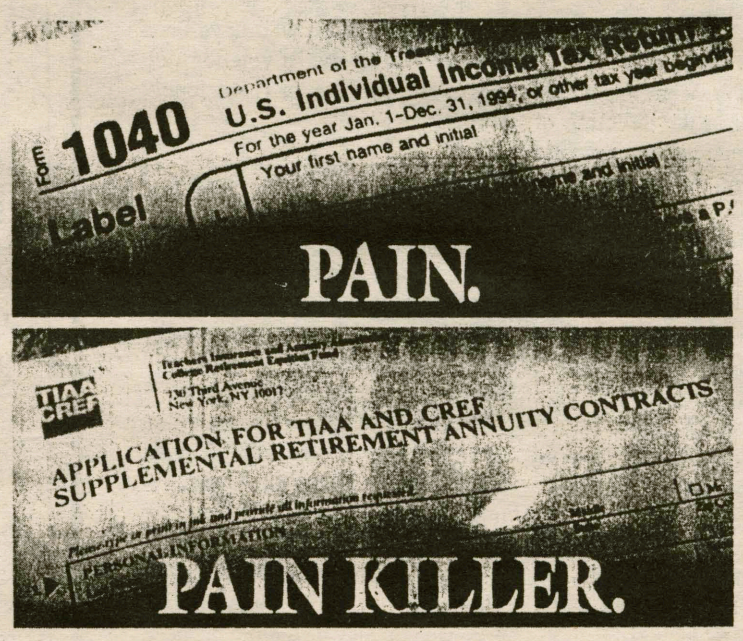
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The spring production of The Master and Margarita to continue throughout the week

The Department of Theatre and Dance presents Mikhail Bulgakov's drama The Master and the Margarita. The play opened on Thursday, April 13 and will continue this weekend on Friday and Saturday and Wednesday through Saturday, April 19 to 22, at 8 p.m., in MInor Theater. There will also be a matinee performance on April 22, at 2 p.m. Admission is $3 for students and $5 for the general public. Tickets may be reserved by calling (315) 859-4269.

Under the direction of Assistant Professor of Theatre, Adrian Giurgea, a company of over 35 performers, designers and technicians will bring Bulgakov's work to life.

The production, which takes place in Russia during the 1920s, includes 23 actors and actresses and a production company of several students, faculty members and friends. It also includes numerous pieces of original music composed by Richard Lloyd, a member of the dance faculty, who used a variety of synthesizers to create an abstract quality to some of the sound effects. The play promises to be well worth the time and money.

Famous composer to perform with the college orchestra

World renwoned Japanese composer Masataka Matsuo, who has received many awards for contemporary composition, will conduct the Hamilton College Orchestra when it plays his work, *Hirai V*. The concert will be held in Wellin Hall and admission to the concert is free. In addition to Matsuo's work, the concert will include works by Wagner, Spohr, and Stravinsky.

Two student soloists will also be featured. Eric Sussman ('95) will perform the first movement of Spohr's Clarinet Concerto in C Minor, and Helen Lee ('96) will conduct the orchestra in Wagner's "Feierlicher Zug zum Munster" from *Lohengrin*.

Matsuo graduated from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and was recognized by several awards for contemporary composition.

The Hamilton College Orchestra was founded in 1970 and has grown to include more than 50 students. The orchestra has undertaken four concert tours within the last seven years — two throughout New England, one through Western New York, and the other by invitation of the governments of Romania and Bulgaria. The group also has received an invitation to perform in Japan, for which financing is currently being sought.

Adeline's playtime

The Fantastics, a musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, was presented this past weekend. For a student directed play, it was well, pretty fantastic! Director Sky A. Berdahl did a nice job portraying El Gayo, and hilarious performances abounded in this excellent thespians troupe.

David Arkema made a great debut to the Hamilton theatre scene. His character, Matt, was transformed into a lively, occasionally crass, personality. Simple pauses came alive upon his entrance to the stage with a mature, melodramatic acting style.

Another delight was Ashley VanValkenburgh as Henry-the *actor*. Her vibrant exaggeration was perfect for this type of play, and she showed true versatility in moving from an outspoken eccentric to a calm portrayal of an inanimate wall.

The harmonies in many of the play's most difficult musical numbers were easily blended together by Todd Mansell and Jim Eisenberg in their duets. Both actors played fathers who were dramatically different from one another. It was easy to see that the two students had provided their characters' distinct personalities and traits.

In the second act of the play, Samantha Margles (Luisa), seemed to have moved into her character well. She brought enthusiasm into a great scene with El Grayo (Sky A. Berdahl), who seemed quite unbelievable as the sleek narrator of the play.

Finally, Erin Doherty's death scene's were "mahvelous," and I was very Impressed by the extensive work the band (Alan Lee and Kevin Swaluk) must have done to bring the show together. The Fantastics made for a lovely, if somewhat cold, Saturday afternoon, and showed once again the great value of student productions at Hamilton.

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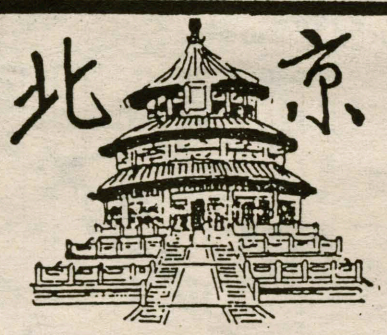

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14 *Friday*

12:00 **Good Friday Service.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
7:30 **Film:Go Fish.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$
7:30 **Large Group Meeting.** Spon sored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Schambach 201.
8:00 **Spring Theatre Production.** "The Master and Margareta." Minor Theater.$

15 *Saturday*

1:00 **Film.** "Boys' Shorts." Spon sored by GLBSA. Kirner-Johnson Audiorium.
7:00 **Film: Thunderheart.** Spon sored by NASSA. Red Pit.
7:30 **Film: "Black Is, Black Ain't".** Sponsored by GLBSA. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.
8:00 **Sping Theater Production.** Minor Theater.$
10:00 **Film: Go Fish.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Audiorium.$

16 *Sunday*

Easter.
11:30 **Community Church (Protestant Worship) Janna J. Roche, Chaplain.** Easter Worship. Chapel.
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
2:00 **"Historical Tour of the College", William J. Ferguson '95.** Meet at the Chapel.
3:00 **Film: Thunderheart.** Spon sored by NASSA. Red Pit.
7:30 **Film: Go Fish.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Audiorium.$

17 *Monday*

11:00- **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.
3:00 **College Course 300 Film: Martin Scorcese, Raging Bull (USA '80).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.
7:00 **Lecture: Gamma Xi.** Spon sored by Gamma Xi. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.
8:00 **Lecture: "Cultural Diversity in Advertising", Steve Calabrese.** Sponsored by Communications Studies Department. Kirner-Johnson, Red Pit.
9:00 **GLBSA Weekly Meeting.** Keehn 2 floor Lounge.

18 *Tuesday*

Admission Office. Accepted Students "Open House."

8:00 **Lecture: "Community and Language Out of Joint: Gogol's Dead Souls Develop Wittgensteinian Ideas on Meaning", Cornelia Brown, Compartive Literature.** Sponsored by AAUP Journal Club. Assembly Room at Bristol Campus Center.

19 *Wednesday*

Admission Office. Accepted Students "Open House."

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Agnes Varda, Vagabond (France '85).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.
7:00 **Campus Activities Board Weekly Meeting.** Basement, Bristol Campus Center.
8:00 **Sping Theater Production.** Minor Theater.$

20 *Thursday*

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Federico Fellini, 8 1/2 (Italy '63).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.
5:30 **AA Alcoholics Anonymous: "On the Hill" Open Meeting- All Welcome.** Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
7:00 **Hamilton Environmental Action Group Weekly Meeting.** Kirner-Johnson, first floor lounge.
7:30 **Lecture.** "Dale Berryhill". Sponsored by the Conserva tive club. Chapel.
8:00 **Sping Theater Production.** Minor Theater.$

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Born to Be Wild 8:50
Tank Girl 9:20
Man of the House 7:05
Bad Boy s 6:50, 9:50
The Goofy Movie 6:30, 8:15
Tommy Boy 7:20, 10:00
Dolares Clairborne 6:45, 9:45
Circle of Friends 7:00, 9:50
Major Payne 6:40, 9:25
Bye, Bye Love 7:10, 9:40
Outbreak 6:35, 9:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Circle of Friends 2, 7, 9:15

Up Town 797-0020

Legends of the Fall 7, 9:30
Tell Tale 7
Brady Bunch Movie 7
Boys On the Side (times not
Bye, Bye Love available)

On Campus

Go Fish
Fri., Sat., Sun., @7:30

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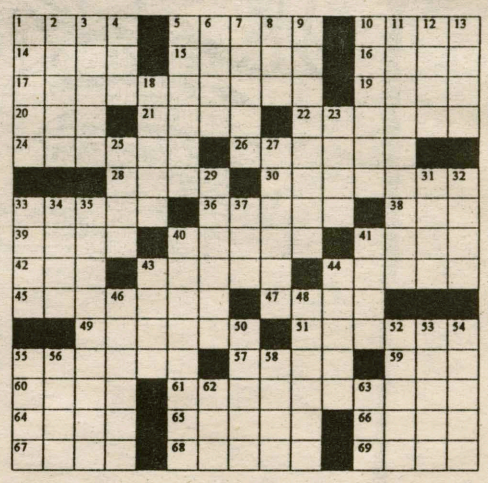
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Crossword 101

" It's a Colorful World ! " **By Gerry Frey**



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1 Countenance
5 Live coal
10 Trade
14 Kuwaiti, for one
15 French river
16 Day of the wk.
17 *Colorful virile person*
19 Get up
20 Hartford-Boston dir.
21 Helper
22 "____-Chitty Bang-Bang"
24 Smooth fabrics
26 Obtain from another source
28 Duck formations
30 Hermit, e.g.(2 wds)
33 Mr. Kaplan & others
36 Breakfast bread
38 Flightless bird
39 "___ well that ends well"
40 Covers
41 Principle
42 Old French coin
43 Helicoptor sounds
44 Despises
45 Spent beforehand
47 German donkey
49 Separated
51 Potatoes
55 Salty solution
57 Roman road
59 Decay
60 ___ the Terrible
61 *Rudolph's forte: 3 wds*
64 Memo
65 Western movie
66 German river
67 Indebted to
68 Weedy plants
69 Mathematician Descartes

DOWN
1 Bus charges
2 Sports palace
3 West Pointer
4 Decline
5 Famous Plaza resident
6 Tone
7 Waited
8 Byron's before
9 *Colorful organization*
10 Endeavor
11 *Colorful turkey part*
12 Ital. neighbor
13 Victim
18 Bowling needs
23 Clue
25 "As I was going to St. ___"
27 Expire
29 Step measurement
31 French friend
32 Convent residents
33 Breath hard
34 Indonesian island
35 *Colorful luncheon special*
37 Paddle
40 *Blistering color*
41 Beer ingredient
43 Alert
44 Listened attentively
46 Ached
48 Navigates
50 Distributor:Abrev.
52 Eat away
53 Baseball's Al ('53 MVP)
54 Cordwood measure
55 _____-Japanese War
56 Affirm
58 Elm for one
62 Abbrev. for indoleacetic acid
63 Neither's partner

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Quotable Quote

" There can be no rainbow without a cloud and a storm. "

John H. Vincent

Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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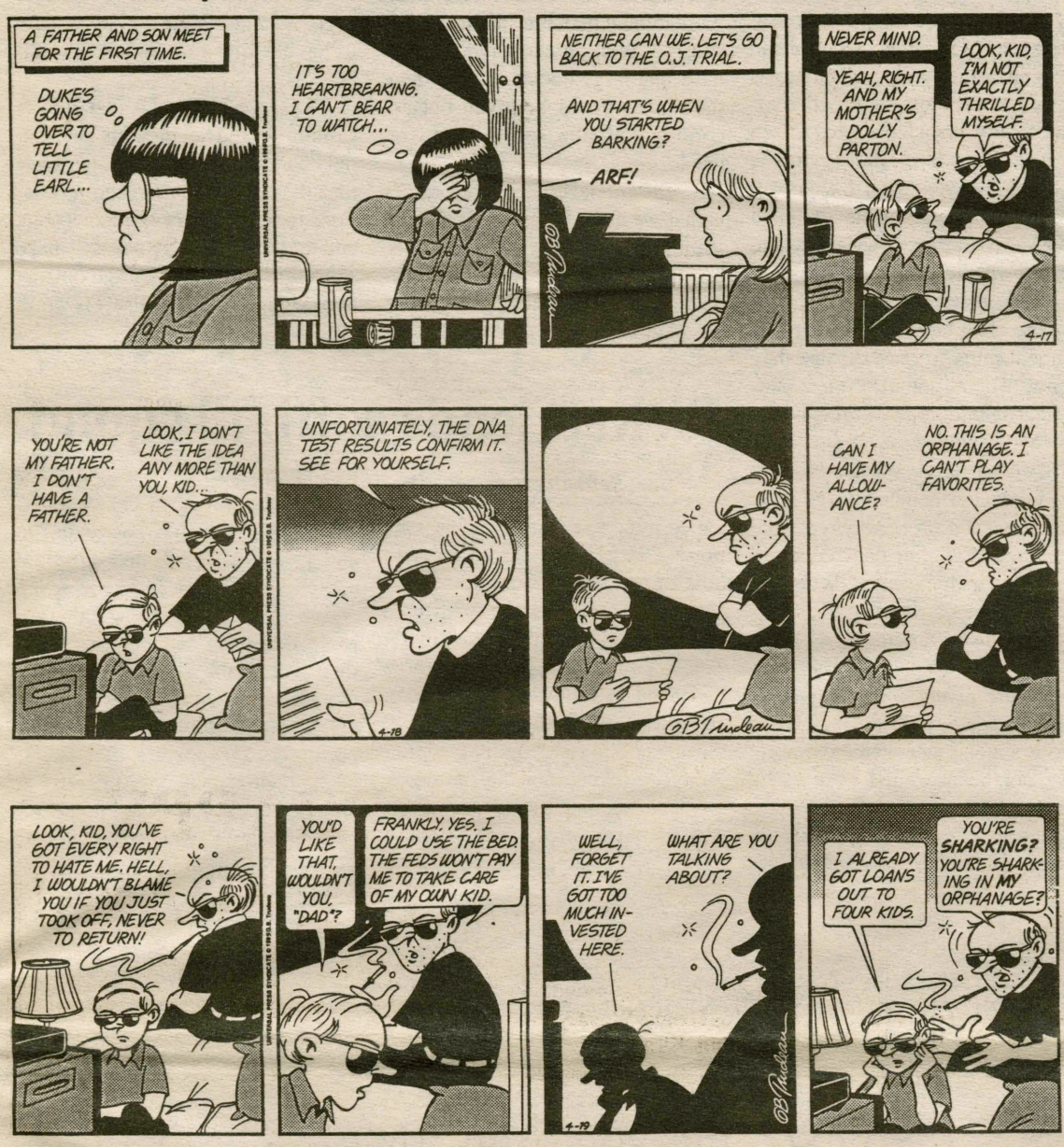
BY GARRY TRUDEAU


A FATHER AND SON MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME.
DUKE'S GOING OVER TO TELL LITTLE EARL...
IT'S TOO HEARTBREAKING. I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH...
NEITHER CAN WE. LET'S GO BACK TO THE O.J. TRIAL.
AND THAT'S WHEN YOU STARTED BARKING?
ARF!
NEVER MIND.
YEAH, RIGHT. AND MY MOTHER'S DOLLY PARTON.
LOOK, KID, I'M NOT EXACTLY THRILLED MYSELF.
4-17
YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER. I DON'T HAVE A FATHER.
LOOK, I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA ANY MORE THAN YOU, KID...
UNFORTUNATELY, THE DNA TEST RESULTS CONFIRM IT. SEE FOR YOURSELF.
4-18
CAN I HAVE MY ALLOWANCE?
NO. THIS IS AN ORPHANAGE. I CAN'T PLAY FAVORITES.
LOOK, KID, YOU'VE GOT EVERY RIGHT TO HATE ME. HELL, I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU JUST TOOK OFF, NEVER TO RETURN!
YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU, "DAD"?
FRANKLY, YES. I COULD USE THE BED. THE FEDS WON'T PAY ME TO TAKE CARE OF MY OWN KID.
WELL, FORGET IT. I'VE GOT TOO MUCH INVESTED HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
4-19
I ALREADY GOT LOANS OUT TO FOUR KIDS.
YOU'RE SHARKING? YOU'RE SHARKING IN MY ORPHANAGE?
LOOK, KID, I JUST THINK YOU'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN SOME OTHER SETTING THAN A CROWDED ORPHANAGE...
UH-HUH. IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT MY WELFARE, WHY DID YOU LEAVE MY MOTHER?
IT'S VERY COMPLICATED, KID... YOUR MOTHER AND I JUST COULDN'T... WELL... SHE WAS VERY... UM... SHE WAS... UM...
4-20
WHO'S YOUR MOTHER AGAIN?
AND PEOPLE WONDER WHY I SET FIRES.
SIR! HOW ARE YOU AND LITTLE EARL HITTING IT OFF?
YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
ACTUALLY, I DO, SIR. I CARE ABOUT BOTH OF YOU.
4-21
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND THAT I ESTABLISHED HIS BLOODLINES. SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP MYSELF. I JUST LIKE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER!
THANK YOU, JENNY JONES. WHERE'S THAT GUNNY-SACK?
UM... WHY?
AS THE YEARS WENT BY, LITTLE EARL GREW UP STRAIGHT AND STRONG.
HEY, DAD! I NAILED MY SAT'S! JUST NAILED 'EM!
UH-HUH...
HEY, POP! I MADE IT INTO HARVARD LAW SCHOOL!
GREAT...
POPS! I JUST SCORED $350 MILLION IN A HOSTILE TAKEOVER!
REALLY?
NO, NOT REALLY.
HEY, DAD! I JUST PUT A SQUIRREL IN THE MICROWAVE!
MY GOD... HE'S STILL HERE...

Personals

Tim O.-

ELS meetings have been at 10pm.
every Monday night for at least 5 years.
Anyone at the meeting could be
in the picture and had you been at the
previous two meetings you would have known
about the planned yearbook photo
It's that simple. Don't slander me again.
-Rebecca K.

To the Hamilton Community-

Thank you to all those who participated in the Class of 1996's parking sticker raffle. On Monday evening, Class President Kelly Overton drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Tim Fox '96! Tim receives a parking sticker for the lot of his choice for the 1995-96 academic year.

On behalf of the Class of 1996,
Fred Bush
Class Treasurer/Secretary

To the Dark Knight-

Where have you been? My Minor single has been quite lonely without you.
-Red Dog

To the bald headed guy with an earring-

I love it when they mop your face.
Don't drink too much or we'll bring out the Shop-Vac.
-Palmolive

To Eric-

I wish you'd feel personal.
-M

To Andrew-

Thanx for all your help.
-Ed.

Answers to last week's crossword puzzle

DOUBLE TROUBLE

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Gender equity questioned in Continental athletics

*from **Equity** on page 27*

Another important component of this issue is funding. According to the gender-equity report, money is allotted to each sport with approximate equity. Problems have arisen because the use of money in the budget is always subject to approval. Coaches make requests on such things as road trips or sneakers, and are told whether they have it in their budget to make the requested purchases. They have told me that they do not like this process, because they do not officially control their budgets. The importance of this is that I have been told by several coaches that their are certain sports which are always granted their budget requests, and some that do not always get what they want. Enabling coaches to run their own budgets helps to assure that there are no problems with equity in terms of funding.

Money that sports receive from alumni are given to the individual sports. Each team has their own booster club. Since women's sports have not been around as long as men's, they do not have the capacity to receive the same amounts of money. The same can be said for the big male sports, (football, hockey, and basketball) which receive much more money than the smaller men's sports. Wouldn't it make sense to have one large booster club, where the money could be given out accordingly to the sports based on needs?

The crucial aspect to remember is that we are a Division III school. We may pride ourselves on our sports, but first and foremost comes academics. Furthermore, our big three sports do not bring in revenue to the school. So, to me, fixing these inequities is crucial, for this will give every woman athlete the opportunity to have a first rate athletic experience.

Last year, the Gender-Equity Committee did not institute substantial change. I think it is imperative that they bring their recommendations for change to President Tobin, and that they actually work to make substantial improvement. If not, my two cents and anyone else's is worth nothing.

Pickett leads softball squad

*from **Softball** on page 28*

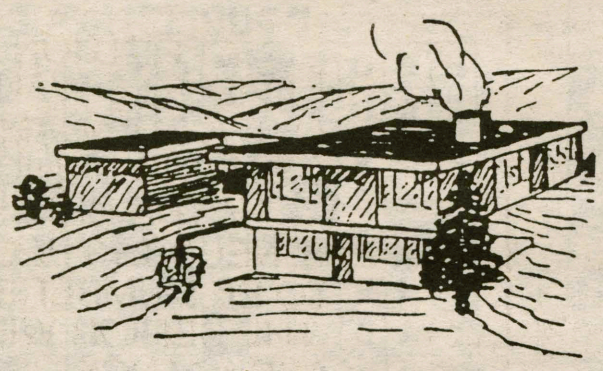
halted after five innings as Marsha Foster '95 gave up eleven hits and nine earned runs. Skidmore's Carol Murphy went two for three with three RBI's to lead the way for Skidmore. Tracy Young also collected three hits in the leadoff spot for Skidmore. Hamilton could only generate five harmless singles against Shana Palloto who recorded the shutout.

The second game was even worse from an offensive standpoint. Skidmore's Janet Littlefield threw a one hitter, and Kim Colvin's '97 lone single prevented the no-hitter. The combination of Kristen Ring '96 and Kerri Page '98 gave up eight earned runs, seven hits, and seven walks in the 12-0 blowout. Tara McMillen went two for two, with three RBI's for Skidmore in game two.

The Continentals have an opportunity to recuperate after Thursday, playing next on April 20 at Utica College. Their next home appearance is a doubleheader versus St. John Fisher's the 22.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Don't forget to pick up a dress or tux the next time you're in town! The Senior Formal is just two weeks away. Tickets are still available at $38 per person, but you must act quickly. Please call the Office of Student Activities at x4194 for further information.



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The Hamilton Athlete of the Week

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Michelle Pickett

Junior Michelle Pickett had a red-letter day against Russell Sage in a double-header on Saturday. Michelle went two for three in the first game with a home run and four RBI's and added two more hits in the second. Pickett is also a valuable asset on the women's volleyball team. Congratulations, Michelle! You are the *Hamilton Athlete of the Week!*

STATISTICS:

--four hits, one homerun, and four RBIs in doubleheader against Russell Sage

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Mandy Morrison

Mandy Morrison '97 is an offensive powerhouse for the Continentals. She scored three goals leading Hamilton to a 13-11 victory over Cortland State. She leads the team with 20 goals and 6 assists in 9 games. Congratulations, Mandy! You are a peak performer!

Cohen's Continental Corner: Allison Wandelt

BY BRIAN COHEN '96
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Playing a varsity sport can be extremely demanding. The long road trips, weekend tournaments, and two hour practices each day are just a few examples of the demand on one's timewhich a Hamilton athlete must endure. For most students, playing one sport is wearing and time consuming enough. But Allison Wandelt '95 of Watertown, Connecticut is a rare exception.

Allison, co-captain of the hockey and lacrosse teams this year, has endured two seasons a year during her four years at Hamilton. This past winter Allison led the women's hockey squad to victory in the Williams Tournament. Allison, a midfielder, has also provided the necessary leadership and spark to a young lacrosse team which has successfully rebounded from a slow start. As the season heads into the homestretch, Allison offers her perspective on being a two-sport athlete and the women's lacrosse season thus far.

Q: Why did you decide to come to Hamilton?

A: I decided to go to Hamilton because I was looking for a small school. In fact I ended up applying early decision to Hamilton. I wanted to go to a school where I could play ice hockey. I also wanted to go to a school where I could play two if not three sports. I figured at a small school that is Division III I could do that.

Q: What does it mean to you to be a captain?

A: It is definitely an honor. I feel as if the team obviously respects and looks up to me for leadership. And I know I have to be the one to set the example for the team.

Q: What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

A: Athletically speaking, I would consider the past hockey season. It was the best hockey season I have had and it was a great honor being captain of the team. We played in two tournaments at Middlebury and Williams. We won the Williams tournament even though we were not favored to win. Because of the status of women's hockey, it was a great accomplishment for our team to win and to bring back a trophy from the tournament. I do not know if any other women's ice hockey team has done that at Hamilton.

Individually, I had three hat tricks during the season and in the Middlebury and Williams tournament I was named to the All-Tournament team on both occasions.

Q: What do you consider to be your biggest disappointment?

A: Probably that women's ice hockey did not become a varsity sport when I was here.

Q: To whom do you credit your success?

A: For lacrosse I would say my dad. My dad was the women's lacrosse coach at Taft for nineteen years. I had never played lacrosse before high school. My dad always said I was a good athlete and he encouraged me to try out for varsity even though I had never picked up a stick before. . . Basically my dad taught me everything I know.

Q: What are your career plans?

A: I will be working at Blair Academy, a private school in Blairstown, New Jersey. I will be working as an admissions associate and will coach the women's soccer and lacrosse team.

Q: Is it frustrating to play a sport that gets little support from the school or athletic department? i.e. women's hockey

A: It is more frustrating in terms of the little things such as — whether we have enough money in our budget for a hotel or equipment. In terms of the school watching us it is great having spectators and friends yelling for you. Mainly it is our friends who come to the games and you have your team yelling for you otherwise, so one doesn't care if anyone else is at the game. Basically, you want people to come because they like watching you and not because they have to.

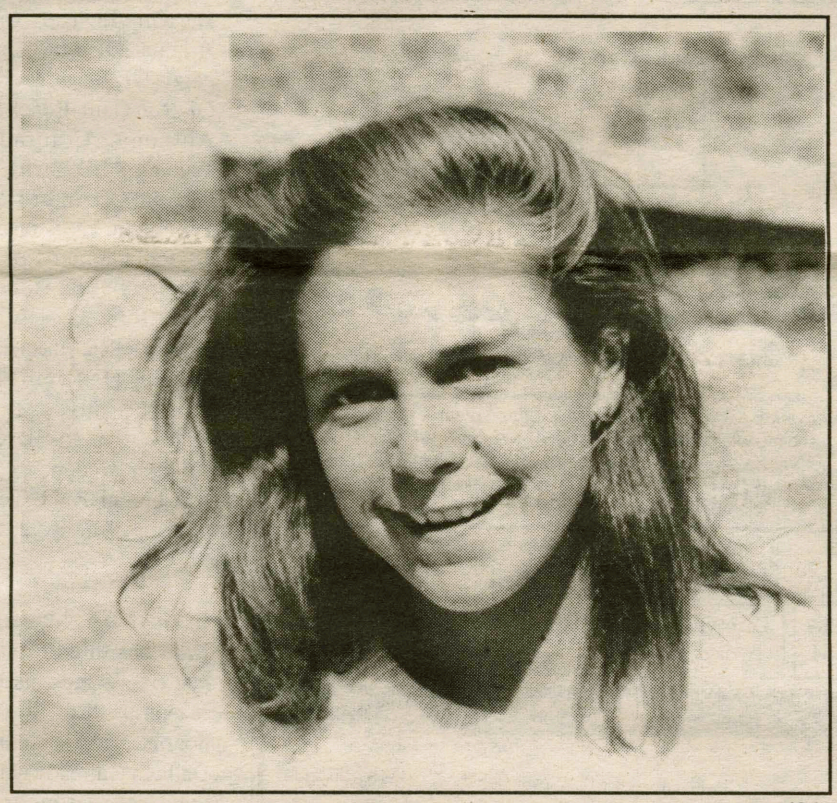

PHOTO BY NATHANIEL SCHUTZ '96

Allison Wandelt '95, captain of women's lacrosse and ice hockey

Q: How much does the expenditure that you put in hockey and lacrosse affect your academics?

A: Playing ice hockey and lacrosse helps me organize my time. I am more conscious of time knowing that two hours of the day is devoted to practice.

Q: What is your perspective on playing two sports?

A: I don't think playing two sports is too time consuming. I think if someone wants to play three sports they can.

Q: How would you describe your style of play?

A: For both sports I would describe it in two words — unselfish and consistent. I never considered myself to be the best player on any team I played but I definitely consider myself to be one of the most consistent players. I feel I am a pretty unselfish player and always have a good sense of field play or good sense in seeing the field.

Q: How do you mentally prepare for each hockey/lacrosse game?

A: I know what I want to do when I get out there. I tell myself that I am going to play the best game and try to stay relaxed.

Q: What do you think of your season so far?

A: I guess I would say I am pleased. If you asked me when we came back from Florida I would say it was just all right. Right now, I finally feel that I am playing to my potential. In each game since we have been back from spring break I feel I have been playing better and better and going in with more confidence. I basically try to start each game at the level to which I left off at the last game.

Q: What do you think of the team's performance this year?

A: I'm pleased. I think we have played very well. We have won our last four games. We are a pretty young team but we have a lot of talent. Before these past four game we were pretty inconsistent. We would play great in the first half and then we would fall apart in the second half. But in the last couple of games we have been playing a good full sixty minutes of lacrosse.

Q: What lies ahead for the team this year?

A: We have four of our biggest games in a row coming up, and have the state tournament approaching. Hopefully, we will continue to play the way we have been playing the last couple of games.

Q: How has the team performed in past tournaments?

A: Since I have been here the team has been in the state tournament all four years. We have made it to the semi-finals twice.

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Men's Golf					Colgate 1:00 p.m.		
Men's Lacrosse					Union 2:00 p.m.		Oswego 4:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse					Ithaca 2:30 p.m.		
Men's Tennis		Hobart 2:00 p.m.			Skidmore 4:00 p.m.		
Women's Softball							Utica (2) 3:30 p.m.
Track & Field		Williams Relays 11:00 a.m.					

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely tan all-expensepaid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Samuel M. Walker, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor*	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor*	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor*	Keith Wandtke Freshman *Guest #1*	Pete Limburger Sophomore *Guest #2*
	Last Week: 6-7 To date: 65-47	Last Week: 6-7 To date: 58-54	Last Week: 9-4 To date: 62-50	Last Week's Guest: Mr. MacCracken 7-6	Last Week's Guest: Mr. Cohen 7-6
NBA					
Atlanta at Cleveland 4/14	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland
New York at Indiana 4/14	New York	New York	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
Phoenix at Denver 4/14	Denver	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix 4/15	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Lakers
Dallas at Portland 4/15	Portland	Portland	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Atlanta at Charlotte 4/16	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte
New York at Chicago 4/16	New York	New York	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Dallas at L.A. Lakers 4/16	Dallas	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
San Antonio at Denver 4/16	Denver	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio
NHL					
Boston at N.Y. Rangers 4/14	Rangers	Rangers	Boston	Rangers	Boston
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey 4/14	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Islanders
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders 4/16	Rangers	Rangers	Islanders	Rangers	Islanders

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Montana To Bid Farewell

In baseball: Since the players returned to the field last week to begin spring training, major league rosters have undergone some huge shakeups. It's hard to keep up with all the changes, so I've created a helpful guide to help you follow the game. Significant personnel additions are listed by team. In the American League: Baltimore- P Kevin Brown, P Doug Jones. Boston- OF Jose Canseco, OF Mark Whiten. California- P Lee Smith, P Mitch Williams. Cleveland- P Orel Hershiser, DH Dave Winfield. Chicago- OF Mike Devereaux, P Rob Dibble, P Jim Abbott, 3B/DH Chris Sabo. Detroit- None. Kansas City- P Tom Browning. Milwaukee- None. Minnesota- None. New York- P Jack McDowell, P John Wetteland, SS Tony Fernandez. Oakland- P Dave Stewart, P Todd Stottlemyre. Seattle- None. Texas- P Bob Tewksbury, P Jeff Russell, C Mickey Tettleton. Toronto- P David Cone, P Danny Darwin. In The National League: Atlanta- OF Marquis Grissom. Chicago- OF Brian McRae. Cincinnati- OF Ron Gant, P Jack Morris, OF Eric Anthony. Colorado- OF Larry Walker, P Bill Swift. Florida- P John Burkett, OF Andre Dawson, 3B Terry Pendleton. Houston- OF Derek Bell, OF Phil Plantier. Los Angeles- None. Montreal- OF Roberto Kelly, OF Tony Tarasco. New York- OF Brett Butler, P Pete Harnisch. Philadelphia- OF Gregg Jefferies. Pittsburgh- None. St. Louis- 3B Scott Cooper, P Ken Hill. San Diego- 3B Ken Caminiti, SS Andujar Cedeno, 2B Bip Roberts. San Francisco- P Terry Mulholland (cousin of hoopster Pat Mulholland '97)...

Scorecard

Trip MacCracken

In the NBA: Maverick guard Jason Kidd has three triple-doubles in his last five games, as he makes a late season push for Rookie of the Year honors. Kidd is the main reason why Dallas has already won 21 more games than last season, and are only two games out of a playoff spot. Incidentally, both Kidd and the Mavericks have been playing better since the team lost Jim Jackson with an ankle injury. Kidd has been forced to shoulder more of the load in Jackson's absence, which explains his improved performance. What's surprising, though, is that the Mavs have a better winning percentage without Jackson than with him... Knicks' Coach Pat Riley recorded his 13th consecutive 50 win season this week. The past four have come in New York, a franchise mark... As the regular season ends, the race for the final playoff spots heats up. In the East, seven teams are in, leaving Boston, Milwaukee, and Miami fighting for the eighth spot and the right to play Orlando in the first round. As it stands, Indiana will play Atlanta (based on the Pacers division lead), New York will take on Cleveland, and Charlotte will have the tough task of facing the rejuvenated Bulls. Although the Pacers get the higher seed based on their division lead, the Knicks would have home court advantage in a match with Indiana, based on a better record. In the West, Portland, Denver, Sacramento and Dallas are competing for two remaining playoff spots. Matchups tentatively shake down as San Antonio vs. Denver, Seattle vs. Portland (based on the Sonics division lead), Phoenix vs. Houston, and Utah vs. the Lakers...

In the NFL: In what can only be termed the end of an era, Joe Montana will announce his retirement next week. Fittingly, he'll do it in San Francisco, the city where he won four Super Bowl titles. Rumor has it that NBC and Fox are interested in hiring Montana as an announcer... Longtime Buffalo Bill Darryl Talley signed this week with the Atlanta Falcons, another in the long procession of players to leave the Bills in recent years. The Bills still have five stars remaining from their Super Bowl years, but all of the supporting players have gone, knocking the Bills down a notch in the process. It'll be a while before this team returns to the Super Bowl... The long-awaited move of the Los Angeles Rams franchise to St. Louis was finally approved this week... As the draft approaches, NFL sources seem to agree that six top players have separated themselves from the pack. They include Penn State's Ki-Jana Carter, Miami's Warren Sapp, Southern California's Tony Boselli, Colorado's Michael Westbrook, Florida's Kevin Carter, and Alcorn State's Steve McNair. Close behind are Penn State's Kerry Collins, Florida State's Derrick Alexander, and Michigan's Tyrone Wheatley. Cincinnati GM Mike Brown believes that Penn State's Carter will go first, to Carolina, with Jacksonville taking Boselli. Brown hopes that Warren Sapp will slide to the fifth spot, so that the Bengals can pick him and pair him with last year's number one selection, Dan Wilkinson...

Quotables & Miscellaneous: Steve Sax, former Dodger Rookie of the Year, is out of baseball, and has expressed interest in running for the California State Assembly in 1996... Tony Gwynn, coming clean: "People would come (during past springs) and I'd have to lie and say we could contend if everything went right. This year, I believe we can legitimately contend for the division." Right, and *this* time is different... Writer Mitch Albom on ESPN's *Sports Reporters,* going out on a shaky limb: "I'm not sure if UCLA would have won (the NCAA basketball title) if Tyus Edney had played. His going out inspired them."... Bulls guard B.J. Armstrong comments on why Michael Jordan's sons cite Armstrong as their favorite player: "They think they can beat me."... And finally, Jordan, analyzing his play after un-retiring: "Rebounding, I'm there. Passing, I'm there. It's just the shooting. Sooner or later, things will fall." Then, things will get really interesting...

My Two Cents

Gender inequities run rampant

By Samuel M. Walker '96
SPORTS EDITOR

This is the second and final part of my series focusing on gender-equity in the Hamilton College athletics program.

In the first part of my investigation, I discussed whether Hamilton is in compliance with Title IX. I concluded by saying that although Hamilton's Gender-Equity Committee found athletic offerings are in compliance with Title IX, I believe that gender inequities exist within the athletics program.

Many people at Hamilton still believe that preferential treatment for males is acceptable. At Hamilton, this old boys' network carries over to the athletic department, specifically with the levels of support they provide for its male and female athletes.

Currently, the school has three big sports which they support wholeheartedly, without reservation: football, men's basketball, and men's hockey. Yes, these are the sports in which the most fan support is existent, but why is women's basketball not given the same support from the athletic department as men's basketball? I believe that in terms of coaching, recruiting, and opportunities for success, women hoopsters fall way behind the men.

Moreover, why has the process for women's hockey to become a varsity sport been so difficult? Well, the school has long believed that the women's hockey could not compete at the varsity level. They are currently in the process of evaluating whether the program can be successful at the Division III level. If the team meets these requirements, then they will make the jump to the varsity level in 1997. To me, Hamilton has waited too long to make this evaluation. It's next to impossible to field a competitive hockey team when the sport is only at the club level. In terms of recruiting, the attraction is lessened for the student-athlete. A varsity women's hockey team at Hamilton will benefit both the athletes and the school. Remember, no sports team can possibly start out as a powerhouse.

Here are some interesting statistics which demonstrate that the respect given to the women's program is not the same as given to the men's program. Currently, there are four female sports that are coached by part time staff members, who are not always accessible to student athletes. For the men, on the other hand, only two head coaches are part timers. The hindrance in recruiting and accessibility hurts the potential success of these teams.

Men's basketball is coached by the school's athletic director, Tom Murphy. They have three assistants who are on staff, one of which is present in the athletic department on a full time basis. On the other hand, consider the women's basketball team. They are coached by Don Crist, who is a full time high school teacher and part-time women's basketball coach. They have two paid assistants, one of whom is here on a full time basis. However, the full time-assistant coach is only here for one year, and it is in question whether someone will take her place next year. Since I have been a student at Hamilton, this is the first time that the women's basketball team has had an assistant here on a full time basis.

The fact that Coach Crist is only here on a part time basis is an injustice to the women's basketball team. In terms of recruiting, Coach Crist misses out on a lot of the action. If we look at this year's team, all but one are from the Central New York area. And if a player wants to just sit down and talk with Coach Crist, they are unable to do that. This accessibility to a coach is crucial to the team's cohesiveness, and is a key factor in determining success of the squad.

However, the men have two coaches here on a full time basis. If we look at the makeup of the team, there are players from more than two states. Coach Murphy has the time to concentrate on recruiting players from all over the country. Further, players always have the opportunity to sit down and talk to Coach Murphy.

The men's and women's basketball do not receive the same support from this institution. If the women were granted equal support, they might have made it to the sweet sixteen this year.

In turning to baseball versus softball, there are gender inequities similar to the basketball comparison. Women's softball has three coaches, baseball has four. The men have a field which is in pretty good condition, with dugouts and their own outdoor batting cage. The women have a field, just built last year (they used to play on Minor Field), which is in horrid condition. Last year, they were forced to play most of their games in Clinton. They have steel benches instead of dugouts, and have no outdoor batting cage.

Improvements have been made. And to tell you the truth, ten years ago the inequities were probably far worse. But the fact that there are inequities indicates to me that Hamilton is not providing the equal support which is their responsibility to provide.

Here are a couple of stories which women athletes have told me. One woman athlete told me that she has received gender-biased treatment from the training staff. She said she went in to get stimulus treatment and waited in line, but when a football player came in line, he was able to jump right ahead of her to the front. She stressed that this was not a one time occurrence and, in fact, happens regularly.

Another woman told me that she believes her volleyball team receives no respect from the athletic department. Last fall when they had a volleyball tournament, the field house was not closed off at all. In fact, there was a high school football team practicing in the back of the field house, while crew was practicing nearby. She said that the team was unable to hear their coach because of the noise of the crew team. Would this happen with men's basketball?

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Golf team tees off against Colgate

By Michael Hanley '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Our Hamilton College golf team is ready to resume it's season. After playing just over five-hundred in the fall, the team is looking forward to becoming a force in the district.

It is an extremely young squad led by senior-captain Mark Fedorcik. As the lone senior on a team without juniors he is clearly the driving leadership force for the team. Coach Simon has high hopes for Fedorcik and sophomore Mike Saber. He believes both of them could gain honors in the spring season. The rest of the team is made up of five first years and a sophomore. First years like Josh Taube, John Whitwell and Darren Fuller all had impressive showings in the fall season.

The spring season is going to be another arduous test for this green, inexperienced group. The coach has high hopes for his team. Coach Simon expressed the confidence he has in their ability to rise to the occasion at upcoming tournaments. He spoke of the improvement and refinement of the team. Each member learned from the matches earlier in the year and that honing of their talent could lead to great success for the Continentals.

He spoke of the team's ability as a whole and stressed the fact that there are no weak links. Every player could have an excellent showing at any one of the team's tournaments. Coach Simon also made clear that if the players continue to improve at their current rate, the team would have an excellent shot to reach the nationals.

They are up against tough competition from the likes of Williams and Skidmore, but no safe prediction is possible for the team and it season. However, their is no doubt that a team with this much young, raw talent will certainly be a force to reckon with in the future.

On Thursday, Hamilton came in third against Utica College, Lemoyne, and Oswego. The golf team returns to action Tuesday afternoon in Colgate's spring invitational.

Men's rugby hammers Rochester 17-0

By Jonathan Shuman '95
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton College Men's Rugby continued their winning ways this past weekend by surgically dissecting an impressive Rochester squad, 17-0.

The victory marked the impressive debut of a revamped Hamilton unit. The team started three new players. When asked about the team, captain "Gump" Shuman said, "We had a few short comings last year. I wanted a championship squad this season, so I went out and got my players."

Seniors Rob "Country Sweet" Hatch, Eric "Garbage Plate" Klein, and Dave "Montezuma" Major joined the veterans to complete the A side roster. The Hamilton bench gained much needed depth with the addition of Erik Coleman, Rick Johnson, Brian Holt, and Swede Hjielman. Co-Captain Dino Korten says "This team is the best team I've seen in my 14 years of rugby."

Hamilton started the game off quickly, when "Country Sweet" Hatch recovered a blocked kick for an apparent score. However, for reasons still unknown, the referee, who coincidentally happened to be a former Rochester player, disallowed the try. While the ref robbed Hatch of his virgin score, Hatch was not disappointed. "There will be plenty of time for me to score," says Hatch, "I'm just glad the team won."

The team quickly recovered, as Huck Touhey broke the Rochester line, and made a splendid pass to Dino, who was able to score. However, after missing the majority of the last two seasons with injuries, the senior captain was still hungry.

Dino showed his ball savvy when his kick penetrated the Rochester defense, and he was able to beat the rest of the team down field to recover the kick for his second score of the day. "Spoons" converted the difficult kick to put Hamilton up 12-0. Senior Kris Kapplinsky completed the Hamilton scoring with a full field run off his trade mark rock and roll maneuver. Kapplinsky, the "Polish Eagle", is Hamilton's all-time leading scorer.

Hamilton's defense was superb. Not once did Rochester penetrate the Hamilton line. The highlight of the game came in the second half, when the home town ref awarded Rochester the ball on the Hamilton 5 meter line. Rochester gave the ball to the 320 pound French prop Henri Pelangalier, who rushed for the try zone.

However, the Hamilton unit came up big, and stood the large Pelangalier up, forcing him back. Rochester regrouped and tried again, but the defense, led by stand out sophomore Andrew Cooley and junior Brian Holt, prevented the score.

Saturday's win marked the last game of sophomore phenom Sam "the Mailman" Cosmello, who punished teams all last season. Sam leaves the Old Blues for University of Florida Pharmacology. He will be missed dearly by his team mates and the women's rugby team.

This week, Hamilton plays Hartwick on the road. Anyone wishing to travel with the team should contact Captains Jonathan (x1036) or Dino (x0361). In two weeks, Hamilton travels to Massachusetts to defend its honor at the Williams Invitational.

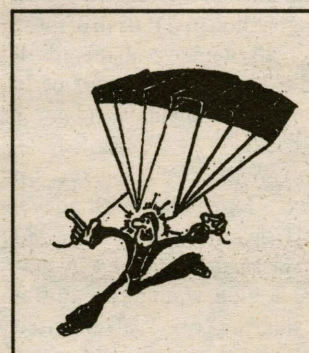
Trivia Time

Send entries in Campus Mail to Spectator Sports. The first correct entry received will win dinner with Sam.

It's not about winning the prize, it's all about beating Sam Walker!

Last Week: Out of 7 entries received, there was no winner! Better luck next time!!
1. Tom Glavine
2. Eddie Murray
3. Larry Brown
4. One

This Week's Questions:
1. What major leaguer had the lowest batting average to win a batting title?
2. How many playoff wins do the Orlando Magic have in their history?
3. Who led the NBA in scoring last season?
4. Who won the Hart Trophy as NHL MVP last season?



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Women's lacrosse win fifth consecutive game

Strong offense scores 87 goals in nine games, improve record to 6-3

By Mark Granovsky '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Continentals beat the Cortland State Red Dragons, on Wednesday, in an offensive slugfest 13-11. Hamilton now has five consecutive victories to move their season to a solid 6-3 record, with an offense that has scored 87 goals in only nine games.

Hamilton started the game slowly as they fell behind 2-0 on goals by Anne Zdrowski and Dawn Pease. Yet, the shutout quickly ended as Hamilton retaliated with four straight goals to up the score 4-2 with 11:04 elapsed in the first half. Although Cortland gained a 6-4 lead, Hamilton entered the half in a 7-7 tie on goals by Kate Harris '97 and Meghan Waters '97.

To start the second half the Continentals scored four consecutive goals to gain a 11-7 advantage over the Red Dragons. Mandy Morrison '97 scored two of the four goals including one on a great pass from Joanna Peters '97 to up the score to 10-7 with 15:30 to play in the game. The Red Dragons closed the score to 11-10, but it was not enough.

Judy Whitaker '97 carried Hamilton with four goals on the day. Other key contributors were Meghan Waters '97 and Morrison '97 with three goals a piece, as well as Isabel Roberts '97 with three assists. Melissa Hyner '97 was excellent in goal for the women with eleven saves.

Morrison leads all scorers through nine games with 20 goals and 6 assists. Whitaker and Roberts are second and third with 19 and 12 goals; 1 and 7 assists, respectively. Hamilton has made 248 shots in nine games, averaging about 27.5 a game. Opponents have made 228 against the Continentals for an average of 25.3 a game. Melissa Hyner has 107 saves this season, allowing 9.67 goals a game. The women will travel to Ithaca next Tuesday to play the Bombers.

PHOTO BY NATHANIEL SCHUTZ '96

The women's lacrosse team scored 13 goals to beat Cortland State last Wednesday. Judy Whitaker '97, Mandy Morrison '97, and Meghan Waters '97led the Continental offensive attack.

Men's lacrosse splits pair

Beat Rochester Monarchs, lose to Williams Ephmen

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Despite the recent wintery conditions, the men's lacrosse team was able to play two games this past week, splitting contests against Williams and Rochester. The team finds themselves one game under .500, at 2-3, yet are enthusiastic regarding the rest of the season.

Saturday's game pitted the Continentals against a very talented Williams team. Despite being on the losing side of the 11-6 outcome, Hamilton faired well, especially on the defensive end. Both Anthony Cunningham and Harris Dague played well in the nets, but the Continentals just couldn't seem to get the offense rolling.

Marty Hilfiger '95, Rob Young '95, Doug Prezzano '97, and Eric Freidman '98, all tallied for the home team, yet it just wasn't enough to overcome the Ephmen.

Wednesday afternoon's game brought a win to the Continentals, who were in desperate need of just that. The Monarchs of Rochester stayed close to Hamilton for much of the first half, but couldn't handle the Continentals in the third period, as they opened a four goal lead. Refusing to roll over and die, Rochester stormed back scoring three goals in the final six minutes to pull within one. However, John Bomann '96 and the rest of the Hamilton defensive core stood tough, and the 10-9 win was preserved. Bomann was named defensive player of the game, and received high praise from teammate Hunter Marvel '96 , who stated that "John played the best game of his life."

On the offensive end, it was Tommy White '98 who took the leading role for the Continentals, netting three goals to give him his first hat trick of the year. Hilfiger added a pair of scores in one half of play, while Owen "Dope Guy" Hall '97 recorded one goal and two assists. Rob Young was named offensive player of the game, scoring one goal and creating many more good chances with his hustle. Anthony Cunningham got the win in goal, turning aside many quality Rochester chances, especially in the fourth quarter with the Continentals on the ropes.

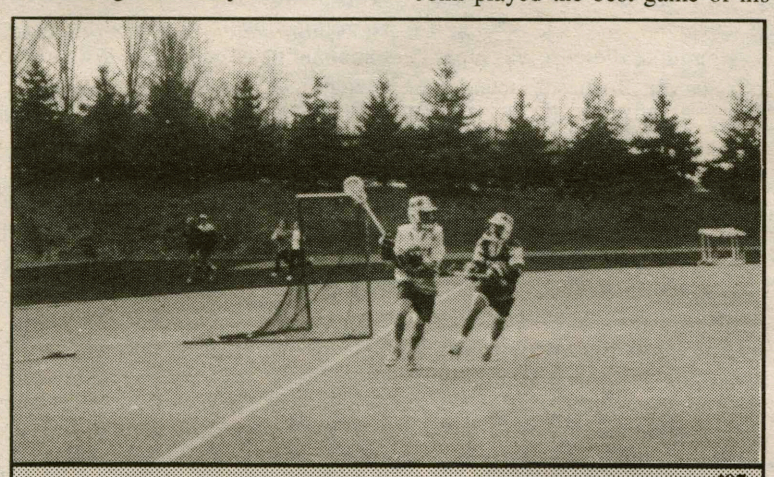

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The men's lacrosse team practices for their upcoming game against Union on Tuesday.

Softball team sweeps doubleheader

By Greg Nussbaum '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Hamilton College women's softball team won a pair of impressive victories versus Russell Sage Saturday, 15-3 and 12-4, but were obliterated Tuesday by a confident Skidmore squad in a double header 10-0 and 12-0.

In the onslaught versus Russell Sage, the team had a combined 28 hits, seven of which went for extra bases. Once again, Michelle Pickett '96 feasted on opposing pitching, going two for three, with three runs scored, four RBI's and the season's first round tripper in game one. Ashley Merriman '98, contributed to the offensive juggernaut by collecting five hits and three runs scored in the double header. Siobhan Williams '97 and Kerri Page '98 each had two hits, two runs, and two RBI's in the first game.

Bonnie "Wheels" Louridas '98 lived up to her nickname, and then some by bunting six times, collecting three hits and two RBI's in the meantime, during the double header. "When we're on, this team can hit like crazy" said Louridas, "We have the potential, when things click, to go a long way".

Virtually the whole lineup was on fire versus hapless Russell Sage as Kim Colvin '97, Kristen Ring '96, Marsha Foster '95, Amy Palmieri '97 and Julie Wolfe '95 made additional significant contributions. Kristen Ring '96 pitched admirably in the first game, hurling seven strong innings while surrendering only two earned runs while picking up the victory. Marsha Foster '95 picked up the win in game two, going five innings and giving up a mere earned run.

Tuesday, the team experienced a complete and utter reversal of fortune, getting shelled by an offensively stacked Skidmore team. The Skidmore offense scored eight fourth inning runs on their way to a ten run rule victory. The first game was

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Men's tennis succumbs to Hobart and Binghamton

By Todd Monsell '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Continental men's tennis team hit the skids this past week, dropping matches to Hobart (6-1) and Binghamton (6-1). Both of these instate rivals, with overall records of 9-1 and 6-1 respectively, took early leads on the Continentals and never looked back.

Sam Walker '96 picked up Hamilton's lone point in Monday's loss at Hobart. Walker defeated Statesman Matt McAndrew in impressive fashion, winning 6-3, 6-0 at the #3 singles spot. Walker raised his record on the year to a respectable 8-4 mark.

At home Wednesday, Hamilton actually won two matches against Binghamton State, but because of league rules a team must win two out of three doubles matches to receive a point and the Continentals only took one doubles match from Binghamton. Hamilton's only point came at the #6 singles spot as Rob Edwards '95 picked up a surprisingly easy 6-1, 6-2 win over Binghamton's Junji Nukamara. Walker and Edwards won 8-4 in the #3 doubles spot, giving them the second-best record on the team at 8-3 as a tandem.

Coach Kelley McElroy knows that teams like Binghamton and Hobart can be beaten. "Right now, we need to be hungrier and go down fighting instead of beating ourselves," she said. Next week features Hamilton's "last tough competition before NESCAC's," as the 'Conts take on Skidmore. Jason Barnes '98, sporting a team-best 10-2 record at #6 singles, should be back for the match after sitting out matches against Hobart and Hartwick with an inflamed rotator cuff. The Skidmore match should set the tone for the rest of the season as men's tennis serves and volleys their way into the postseason.

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